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HOOVER VICTORY EXPECTED.

POLLING WELL IN ELECTION.

ALREADY HAS 243 ELECTORAL VOTES.

SMITH'S FAINT HOPE.

Voting for a new President to succeed Mr. Coolidge took place in the United States yesterday under conditions which gave indications of a record poll. The keenest interest was manifested in the election, which was favoured with bright, sunny weather.

Up to the time of going to press, the result has not come through, but the latest returns give Mr. Hoover, the Republican nominee 243 electoral votes, which means that he has only to secure 23 more to become elected. The progress of the election is indicated in the following messages:

First Returns.

San Francisco, Nov. 6.
Mr. Hoover is leading in the Middle West and also in Texas, whilst Governor Smith leads in New York State.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later.
The returns up to 10 o'clock on Tuesday night (New York time) show that Mr. Hoover has secured 243 electoral votes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[There are, in all, 531 electoral votes, and a minimum of 266 is required for election.]

Hoover Does Well.

New York, Nov. 6.
The indications at ten o'clock this evening point to the almost certain election of Mr. Hoover, unless an unexpected reversal occurs in the traditionally Republican States.

Mr. Hoover is piling up significant majorities in Virginia, Florida and Texas, which are normally Democratic States, and is also increasingly leading in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York State, to which the Democrats had looked for salvation.

On the other hand, the traditional Republican States are now indicating a change of allegiance.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Record Poll.

New York, Nov. 6.
The mighty political currents of 1928 met at the polls to-day in a tremendous whirlwind of ballot papers.

Reports coming in from all over the country tell a story of unprecedented interest in the elections, and all previous records seem to have been surpassed.

Women everywhere are prominent among the forty million citizens who have recorded their votes, and this is computed to be the largest number ever to have exercised an elective franchise in the history of democratic government.

Governor Al. Smith, accompanied by his wife, and surrounded by a bodyguard of ten policemen, walked to the polls, followed by the leaders of his campaign, to record his vote. The popular Governor was quickly recognised by cheering crowds to whose cries the hooters of taxicabs and motor cars, and also the tin drums and mouth-organs of the street urchins, added a welcoming note.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Hoover Taciturn.

New York, Nov. 6.
The weather for Election Day was very sunny, and this is popularly supposed to favour the Republicans.

Mr. Hoover, with his customary taciturnity, refused to say a word when he, with his wife and two sons, arrived to vote at Palisades, his home town.

Another notable voter was Colonel Lindbergh, the aviator, who flew from Mexico City to St. Louis to record his approval of the Republican nominee.

Early Indications.

The bulk of the polling concluded at an early hour, foreshadowing a speedy announcement of the result.

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"SHASTI" PIRATES CAPTURED.

THE WHOLE GANG MAY BE SECURED TO-DAY.

AMATEURS AT JOB.

Hankow, Nov. 6.
As the result of smart work by the River Police, twenty-three arrests have been effected in the Shasti piracy case, in which a B. and S. steamer was held up and looted a few miles down river from Hankow.

Acting on information received, one of the ring-leaders was arrested at a local hotel, and, under pressure, gave information leading to the apprehension of several others, who likewise betrayed their comrades—this leading to a general round-up of most of the gang. A number are still at large, but it is expected that all will be in custody by to-morrow.

It appears that the piracy was planned at a hotel in the Special Administrative District No. 3 (ex-British Concession) on Friday evening, the gang consisting of ex-soldiers, loafers and ne'er-do-wells generally. They mostly hail from Hunan and Szechuan.

The amateurishness of the pirates is evident from the fact that they were all arrested in hotels, brothels and places of amusement while enjoying their ill-gotten gains, instead of seeking fresh fields as more experienced criminals would do.

The prisoners have been handed over to the Garrison Command for further trial, after which their fate will be decided.—*Reuter.*

CAMPAIGN AGAINST PIRATES.

NANKING DECIDES TO TAKE ACTION.

Shanghai, Nov. 7.
The Nationalist Government yesterday passed a resolution to impose heavier sentences on bandits and pirates.

The State Council has given instructions to troops to raid bandit and pirate strongholds. Legislation is to be drafted by the Ministry of Interior, and the Chief of Police is to investigate raids and protect threatened spots.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The American Mail Liner President Jefferson is due to sail from Shanghai to-day and is expected to arrive at this port on Friday afternoon. This steamer will sail the following day, Saturday, November 10, at 6 p.m. for Manila.

The American Mail Liner President McKinley is scheduled to arrive in Manila at 7 a.m. to-morrow. She will sail from that port homeward bound on Saturday, November 10, at 4 p.m., arriving in Hongkong on Monday, November 12 at 7 a.m., and will sail on Tuesday, November 13 at 9 a.m. for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The Dollar Liner President Lincoln left Seattle on November 3 and is scheduled to arrive at this port on November 23.

FENG'S TROOPS.

REPORTED ARRIVAL AT NANKING.

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning states that it is reliably reported that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's troops have moved into Nanking.

FINER WEATHER COMING.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over south-east Mongolia and North China. The moon-son will freshen along the east coast of China and remain moderate over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, moderate; overcast, with drizzle at first; improving later.

BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

MR BALDWIN FORESEES CENSURE.

RESERVES REPLY ON THE NAVAL COMPROMISE.

LABOUR CRITICISM.

London, Nov. 6.
The debate on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech opened in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, criticised generally the policy of the Government. In regard to foreign affairs, he condemned especially the reservations regarding the Kellogg Pact and the Anglo-French naval compromise.

Mr. MacDonald asked whether the Anglo-French Agreement was still alive or whether it had been completely dropped; whether there had been a further communication from America on the subject; whether a reply had been sent to the American Note; and whether there had been any further communications with France on the subject?

The Premier's Reply.

Mr. Baldwin, the Premier, in the course of his reply, said the Government could not reply to the attack on their actions in regard to foreign relations until they had heard the full case of the Opposition. While they had heard Mr. MacDonald, they had not heard Mr. Lloyd George. It would be discourtesy to the Liberal Party to attempt to deal with the criticism in these circumstances.

Mr. MacDonald asked whether the Government had no statement at all to make on foreign affairs.

The Premier replied that the Government had published a full White Paper on the Anglo-French naval compromise. They knew that later they were to be censured on this matter, and that was the occasion on which the Government proposed to state their case.

Adjournment Moved.

Mr. Snowden supported the demand of Mr. MacDonald for a statement by the Government on foreign affairs. In the absence of such statement, he declared it was of no use to proceed with the debate, and he therefore moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. Baldwin defended the absence of a statement by pointing out that for many years the debate on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech had nearly always been of a general character. He understood that amendments relating to the matters in dispute, including one by the Liberals, were to be moved.

Much Criticism.

The Government, said Mr. Baldwin, had been subjected to a great deal of criticism and very hard things had been said of them in the country, and the Government desired to see what was equivalent to a vote of censure to be moved upon them and to observe whether the same things would be said in the House as were said in the country. The Government had a perfect right to reserve their reply for that occasion.

In these circumstances, he could only congratulate Mr. Snowden on going back to the old constitutional practice of moving the adjournment of the debate at an early hour, and he had pleasure in accepting it.

The motion for the adjournment was agreed to without a division, and the House rose.

The Labour Party has decided to move two official amendments to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; one dealing with unemployment and the industrial situation, and the other relating to the Anglo-French Naval Agreement.

The Chinese Situation.

In the House of Lords, in the debate on the Address, Lord Parmoor and Lord Salisbury both paid tributes to the work of Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China.

Lord Salisbury expressed the Government's gratitude for Sir Miles Lampson's conduct of affairs under most difficult circumstances,

PRINCE'S ACTION FAILS.

THE SALE OF RUSSIAN ART TREASURES.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

Berlin, Nov. 6.
The Supreme Court of Prussia has reversed the decision of the Berlin Court in the test case brought by Prince Alexander Cotromantz, who sought an injunction to prevent a firm of auctioneers from selling a valuable portrait and other articles, which he declared were illegally taken by Bolsheviks from his palace in Petrograd.

Vigorous protests have recently been made by Russian emigres in Germany against the sale in Berlin of valuable art treasures stolen from their palaces and homes, and Prince Cotromantz brought his action so that the rights of the original owners—now political refugees—would be safeguarded.

The Berlin Court, however, declined to grant the injunction on the ground that the petitioners had not proved their rights of ownership.

The Supreme Court has now ordered the withdrawal of certain goods from auction, pending further enquiry and the decision of the Court.—*Reuter.*

HONGKONG ESTATE IN ADMINISTRATION.

LATE MR. E. C. RICHARDS OF CORNWALL.

Mr. E. Caldwell Richards, who died at Creekhaven, St. Mawes, Cornwall, on April 29, this year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$23,200, while net personality outside the Colony amounts to \$15,484.

The late Mr. Richards was a bachelor and died intestate, being survived by a sister, Mrs. E. A. Macdonald, of No. 15, Queen's Place, Southsea, wife of Col. G. H. Macdonald, a retired officer of the Indian Army.

Re-sealing of letters of administration to the estate has been granted to Mr. D. V. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacons, attorneys of Mrs. Macdonald, who is the executrix.

NEW AUSTRALIAN CRUISER.

PRINCESS MARY LUNCHES ON BOARD.

London, Nov. 6.
Princess Mary paid an unofficial visit to Portsmouth to-day and went over the new Australian cruiser Canberra, afterwards luncheon with the Captain and other officers.—*British Wireless.*

THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM.

LATEST RETURN SHOWS INCREASE.

London, Nov. 6.
The weekly return gives the total number of unemployed as 1,374,700, which is 30,513 more than a week ago and 268,543 more than a year ago.—*British Wireless.*

saying it was impossible to exaggerate the difficulties or the great skill with which Sir Miles had surmounted them.

Disarmament Problem.

In the course of his speech, Lord Salisbury protested against the description "Naval Pact" being applied to what was really a provisional accord reached with the French Government, which the British Government communicated at once to all the other Powers concerned. Undoubtedly, that naval arrangement was now at an end. It was confronted with a reception which was not at all encouraging. He greatly regretted that he did not know how the problem of disarmament was to be solved unless there were preliminary understandings which would be communicated at once to other Powers interested.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

KWANGSI FACES CRISIS.

FAILURE OF THE RICE CROP.

FOOD SUPPLIES FROM OTHER DISTRICTS.

HARD TIMES AHEAD.

Wuchow, Nov. 5.
This year has been an exceptionally dry one for Kwangsi. Rains did not begin until very late in May, and, as a result, a trip through the province from Wuchow to Lung Chow on the West River takes about one month. Only a very ordinary amount of rain fell during June and July, and during August it almost ceased altogether, for there has scarce been a drop of rain and very few clouds since.

It has gradually dawned on the officials that there is going to be a marked scarcity of food, and the big fire at Luchow seems to have made a profound impression on them. Since that time, there has been a continual stream of telegrams and messages back and forth, whilst the papers contain daily notices, urging the people to conserve food stores and to practice economy.

Rice Crop Falls.

In many districts, the people plant but one crop and that a late one, but this year, though there was enough rain to plant the crop, it immediately turned dry and the farmers lost even their seed.

Some of the notices are couched in stirring terms. They say the sun shines like fire during the day, and the moon and the stars take up all the moisture by night, so there is no dew; the sun has shone upon the farmers until they have all turned black; the sun is hot enough to cook, but there is nothing to cook, as even the water has been burned out of the kettle!

It looks as though the people were in for a serious time, as the next crop cannot be harvested until July of next year and there is no assurance of a crop even then.

A Bad Outlook.

Letters from Kwai Uen, which is the biggest rice-producing district in the province, report from ten to twenty per cent. of a crop. Usually Kwai Uen is the rice exporting centre, but they are even talking of importing rice for local consumption. If that is necessary now, it certainly bespeaks serious times before the next crop can be harvested.

The officials have taken steps to obtain aid from outside sources and also to facilitate the importation of rice. An official order has been sent to the Treasury Department which states that, on account of the call of eleven million people, and, acting upon the advice of the Wuchow and other Chambers of Commerce for help on behalf of the people to prevent starvation, the duty on rice will be temporarily suspended.

The Luchow Disaster.

Another report has been received in regard to the Luchow fire. This states that thirty streets were burned and three thousand shops destroyed. The local officials have established free rice kitchens where rice or congee is given to all who apply. They are giving the people matting for shelters as fast as it can be obtained. There are ten thousand homeless and in immediate need of charity.

The Governor of Kwangsi, Mr. Chow Si-shing, immediately despatched coolies with five thousand catties of rice as soon as he heard of the disaster. This has been done free of cost at Luchow, and the Governor's quick response to the appeal has been gratefully acknowledged.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

COTTON IN JORDAN VALLEY.

HOPES OF DEVELOPMENT IN FUTURE.

London, Nov. 6.
Sir John Chancellor, Commissioner in Palestine, and late Governor of Southern Rhodesia, addressing the British Cotton Growing Association at Manchester, said that his one great hope was that it would be possible to develop cotton in the Jordan Valley soon.—*British Wireless.*

BIG DROP IN OIL PROFITS.

ANGLO-PERSIAN CO. FEELS COMPETITION.

FALL IN VALUES.

London, Nov. 6.

Sir John Cadman, presiding at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, announced that the net profits had fallen by £1,500,000, and stated that there had been a considerable drop in the value of almost every oil product throughout the world.

Alluding to production, Sir John declared with regard to Persia that the estimate of 5,000,000 tons had been exceeded by 300,000 tons.

He said £500,000 had been added to the General Reserve, and there was a sufficient balance to pay a dividend of 7½ per cent. on the Ordinary shares.

Sir John concluded by saying:—"We are still faced with problems of uncontrolled production and reckless marketing competition."—*Reuter.*

BRANCH POLITICAL COUNCILS.

A PLEA FOR THEIR RETENTION.

Peking, Nov. 6.

The need of the continuation of the Provincial Political Branch Councils in various provinces was stressed by Mr. Chang Chi, the new Chairman of the Peking Branch Political Council, who arrived here a few days ago to assume his post.

In supporting his plea, Mr. Chang Chi referred to the great divergence of the customs and habits among the people in the various Provinces, the immense territory of China Proper, and the great difficulty in communications. All these things made it most unwise to seek to abolish the Political Councils.

Mr. Chang added that if the Provincial Governments have to refer all their work to the Central Government, much valuable time will be wasted and in times of emergency dire results might accrue.

BRITISH AERIAL SERVICES.

RAILWAY COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED.

London, Nov. 6.

The possibility of the British railway companies operating aerial transport services was foreshadowed at a meeting to-day of the General Managers of the various railway companies, when they discussed the question of seeking Government support for the promotion of a Bill granting the railways powers of aerial transport.

The Companies contemplate the production of aeroplanes in their huge railway works. As a sequel to an official request circularised to the chief cities and towns of England urging them to provide municipal aerodromes as soon as possible, the Air Ministry has sanctioned the establishment of an aerodrome at Manchester.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH R.A.F. FLIGHT.

EXPECTED SOON IN MANILA.

Manila, Nov. 7.

A wireless message has been received (via Jesselton) from the British R.A.F. fliers stating that they expect to arrive at Puerto Princessa at noon to-day.—*Reuter.*

The fliers left Singapore on November 1st. In four seaplanes and have called at Kuching and Labuan. From Puerto Princessa they will fly to Manila, where they are expected to arrive on Friday. They will remain in Manila for a week and will then fly to Salomague, whence they will proceed to Hongkong, being due here on Saturday the 17th, remaining here for nine days.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

CABINET FORCED TO RESIGN.

RADICAL SOCIALISTS STAGE SURPRISE.

STORY OF INTRIGUE.

Paris, Nov. 6.

Contrary to all expectations, a Cabinet crisis—followed by the resignation of the Cabinet—was suddenly precipitated to-day through the action of the Radical-Socialist Congress, which is in session at Angers. For some time past there has been Radical criticism of the policy of M. Poincare, but it was generally thought that the two-party Congress at Angers would refrain from taking any action which would compel the withdrawal from the Cabinet of the four Radical and Socialist members, MM. Herriot, Sarraut, Perrier and Queuille.

Ministers Tricked.

These four Ministers attended the Congress where they thought they had succeeded in gaining acceptance for their counsels of moderation. It was totally unexpected, therefore, that after the Ministers had left (under the impression that their advice had prevailed), the adversaries of the Cabinet concocted a Declaration re-introducing a condemnation of M. Poincare and the National Union. This Declaration was voted unanimously in the absence and ignorance of the four Ministers, who, when they heard of it, decided that they must resign. It was their resignation which brought about the resignation of the whole Cabinet later in the day.

Triumph for M. Caillaux.

The downfall of the Cabinet is regarded as a triumph for M. Caillaux, the leader of the anti-Government Radicals.

The Poincare Government has lasted two years, three months and 14 days. The Cabinet resigned on the day of the re-opening of Parliament, and both Houses met and adjourned. There is a consensus of opinion that M. Poincare will head the new Cabinet.

Re-Action on the Bourse.

Although there has been no panic, the Bourse violently reacted to the Cabinet's resignation. Rentes and Banque de France stock and other French values fell heavily, while foreign stocks strengthened considerably. There was a slight improvement at the close, underwriters reflecting that M. Poincare's fall does not indicate a discontinuance of his policy.—*Reuter.*

Earlier Cables.

Notwithstanding M. Herriot's counsels of moderation, the Radical-Socialist Congress passed a resolution that the "minimum programme" is incompatible with the policy of the national union, on which the Government is based.—*Reuter.*

The Decision.

Paris, Nov. 6.
In view of the vote at Angers, mentioned earlier, four Radical Ministers have resigned, probably entailing the resignation of the Cabinet, which is expected to be announced immediately.

Later.

The French Cabinet has resigned.

Alleged Militarism.

Later.
The resolution unanimously passed by the Radical Congress at Angers which precipitated the Cabinet crisis denounced the alleged militarism of the French Government, called a halt in the Government's military and naval programme, and forbade any increase in the fighting effectiveness or money to be voted for them. It was moved by the young Deputy Montigny and seconded by the Radical leader Daladier, both lieutenants of M. Caillaux.

The resolution placed an explicit veto on Radical ministers remaining in the Cabinet. If Radical wishes were not carried out, hence the resignations of M. M. Herriot, Sarraut, Perrier and Queuille.—*Reuter.*

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ARMISTICE DAY.

SUNDAY'S CEREMONY AT CENOTAPH.

There will be a solemn ceremony at the Cenotaph on Sunday morning for the Armistice Day Anniversary and it is interesting to note that the 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, which arrived in Hongkong last week, will take part in the observance.

The pipers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers will be drawn up at one side of the Cenotaph with the buglers of the 1st. Queen's Royal Regiment on the other. In front will be H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and on their left, and also in front of the Cenotaph, will be the Senior Naval Officer and the detachments of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. At right angles will be detachments from the navies of the United States of America and France, together with members of the Royal Marine's O.C.A.

To the right of and in front of the Cenotaph will be the General Officer Commanding and representative parties of the Military units. Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force and the British Legion will be drawn up at right angles to the Military units.

The Military Units.

The band of the 1st Bde. and Herts. will take up their position behind the Cenotaph, to one side being Naval Officers, representatives of foreign Government Consular Services, the Mercantile Marine and the R.A.O.B. On the other side will be representatives of the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association, the Guards Association, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and members of St. John Ambulance Brigade.

The Military Units will be from the following: Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment, 1st Bn. The Beds. and Herts., 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.P.C., H.K.S. Brigade R.A., the 3/16th Punjab Regiment and the Hongkong Mule Corps.

Order of the Ceremony.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government will arrive at 10.55 a.m. and afterwards the pipers of the K.O.S.B. will play the lament "Flowers of the Forest." The "Last Post" will be sounded by buglers of the Queen's Royal Regiment at 10.58 a.m., officers saluting while other ranks stand at attention. A gun will be fired from Murray Parade Ground to mark the beginning of the Two Minutes' Silence, and another to mark its end. The Queen's buglers will then sound "Reveille" and the band of the 1st. Bde. and Herts. will play the hymn "God Our Help in Ages Past."

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern will then lay a wreath on the Cenotaph, followed by H. E. the G.O.C. and the Commodore. Wreaths will also be laid by the senior representatives of the French and American Navies on parade.

After H. E. the Officer Administering the Government has left, wreaths will be laid on the Cenotaph by the representatives of public bodies after which the troops will march off independently and wreaths be laid by private individuals.

An Appeal for Support by the Local Community.

Since the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig instituted the Poppy Day Appeal in 1921, its appropriateness as a means of discharging the war's legacy of obligations has been increasingly recognised each year, as the following figures will indicate:

1921	£106,000
1922	204,000
1923	259,000
1924	350,000
1925	392,000
1926	435,000
1927	517,000

The varied causes of distress, of disability, trade depression, and

STANDARD MEASURE.

CHINA TO INTRODUCE NEEDED REFORMS.

The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour has decided to organise a Bureau to make and issue standard weights and measures.

The Bureau is to have one director and two sectional chiefs for the Section for General Affairs and the Section for Works respectively, says the *Chinese Economic Bulletin*. The Section for General Affairs is to (1) purchase raw materials, (2) store, issue and sell weights and measures and (3) keep documents, accounts, compile statistics, etc. The Section for Works is to (1) examine raw materials and make preparations for the manufacture of weights and measures, (2) superintend, inspect and appportion work, (3) test, inspect and overhaul the manufactured articles and (4) undertake other technical work.

Under the sectional chiefs there will be a number of technical experts, examiners, writers, clerks, and workmen. The Bureau is to submit a monthly report to the Ministry on its work and finances. Besides weights and measures, the Bureau will make scientific and other standard instruments.

The consequent unemployment are so well known that it is unnecessary to enlarge on them now. Whatever the reason may be, thousands of ex-service men are suffering to-day, and their distress is shared by their dependants.

It should be a matter of close interest to the public to know that the money they contribute to Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund are used solely in the various benevolent activities of the British Legion. These activities are of a varied nature, including not only the relief of distress existing amongst ex-service men of all ranks, their dependants, and the widows and children of those who fell, but the maintenance of efficient employment bureaux for ex-service men, giving assistance and advice on pensions matters, providing the means enabling ex-service families to emigrate, helping with the children's education, providing without charge legal advice with regard to housing, employment, and other matters, and granting loans, free of interest, to ex-service men who wish to commence businesses on their own account.

Hongkong's Part.

The maintenance of these essential services for the benefit of the ex-service community is provided for by the allocation by the Benevolent Committee to the British Legion's General Funds for Headquarters and Area Administration of a small percentage of the money raised through the Appeal Fund. The annual report of the British Legion, which contains the fullest information with regard to the Legion's work, will be gladly forwarded on request.

If the work of the British Legion is to continue generous support to this annual appeal must be made. Hongkong has an enviable reputation for generosity and a glance at the amounts contributed from different parts of the Empire places this Colony in a very high position.

Poppy Day affords an opportunity when all can show by their readiness to help living ex-service men, the depth and sincerity of their gratitude towards the dead.

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the passing of years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

Special Dinner Dance.

A special Armistice Day dinner dance is being held at Lane Crawford's restaurant on Saturday night and a carnival dance at the St. Francis Hotel on the same night until 1 a.m.

NANKING QUARREL.

THE CENTRAL KUOMINTANG COMMITTEE DENOUNCED.

Nanking, Nov. 5.
 Consequent on the resignation of all officials of the Nanking City Kuomintang, much discontent has arisen amongst members regarding the policy of the Central Kuomintang executives.

Yesterday, members of the Nanking City Kuomintang and of other District Kuomintang members met and publicly denounced the recent decision of the Central Kuomintang regarding the election of delegates for the coming Third Kuomintang National Congress.

The objection to the decision of the Central Kuomintang is that the latter is to choose half of the delegates for the Congress and that all existing Kuomintang members will have to re-register their names before the holding of the Congress.

In their denunciation, the discontented Kuomintang members state that despite the fact that they fully understand that the City and District Kuomintangs should be ruled by and obey the orders of the Central Party, they contend that the action of the Central Party is against the Kuomintang laws, and subordinate bodies will have a right to demand justice.

Committee to Investigate.

Nanking, Nov. 6.
 Following censure by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang of the action of the Nanking District Kuomintang for openly criticising the Government and Party, a controversy has arisen as to the extent to which district Party offices can go in criticising the central Party office.

The censure has resulted in the Supervisory Committee of the district Party office resigning en bloc, simultaneously issuing an open letter defending their action and protesting against the censure.

It is understood the controversy is engaging the attention of the political and Party leaders, and will be investigated by a committee appointed by the central Party office.

The incident is regarded as an important test case, as the committee's decision will determine how far the district offices can go in criticising the central office, and whether the central office will tolerate "supervisory actions" of district offices, which notoriously are frequently differing in political policy from the central office and are now strongly opposing the action of the central office in naming half the delegates from the districts for the Third Party Congress.—Reuter.

WOMAN CONFESSES.

PLOT TO MURDER DURING A DANCE.

San Angel, Mexico, Nov. 6.
 The trial of Toral, accused of murdering President Obregon, continues.

Mother-Superior Maria Concepcion swore she was innocent of complicity in the murder, and refused to give any information with regard to the branding of a cross upon the bodies of Sisters of the convent in imitation of such branding on her own body.

Maria Elena Manzano, another accused, admitted she plotted to cause the death of Obregon and Calles by pricking them with a poisoned pin while dancing with them.

The trial stands adjourned, after an interruption by a group of deputies and adherents of Obregon, who invaded the court shouting "Death to Sedition," who is counsel defending Toral.—Reuter's American Service.

Part of Rangoon was plunged into darkness recently when a snake crawled across live wires at the electricity generating station.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

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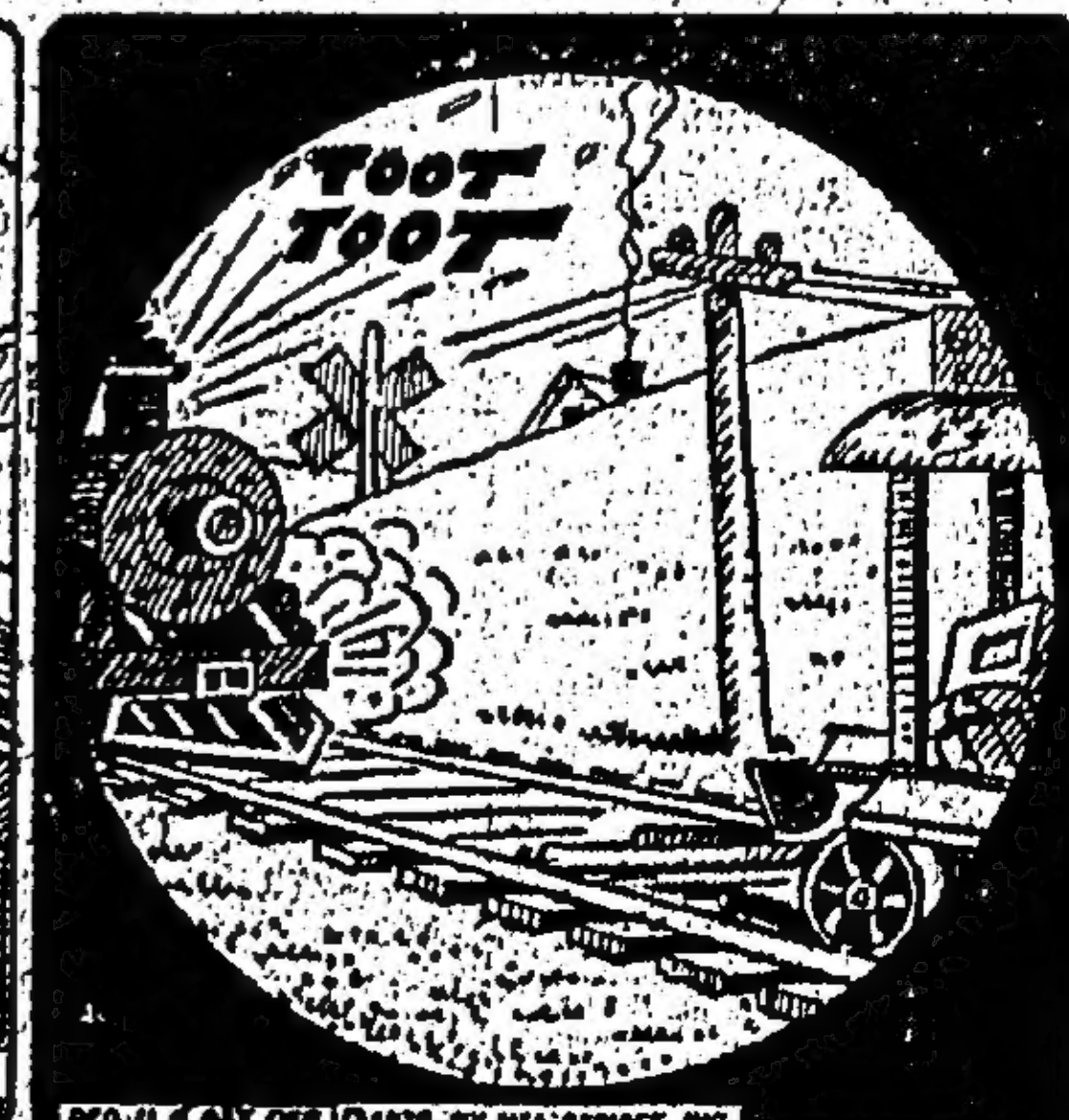
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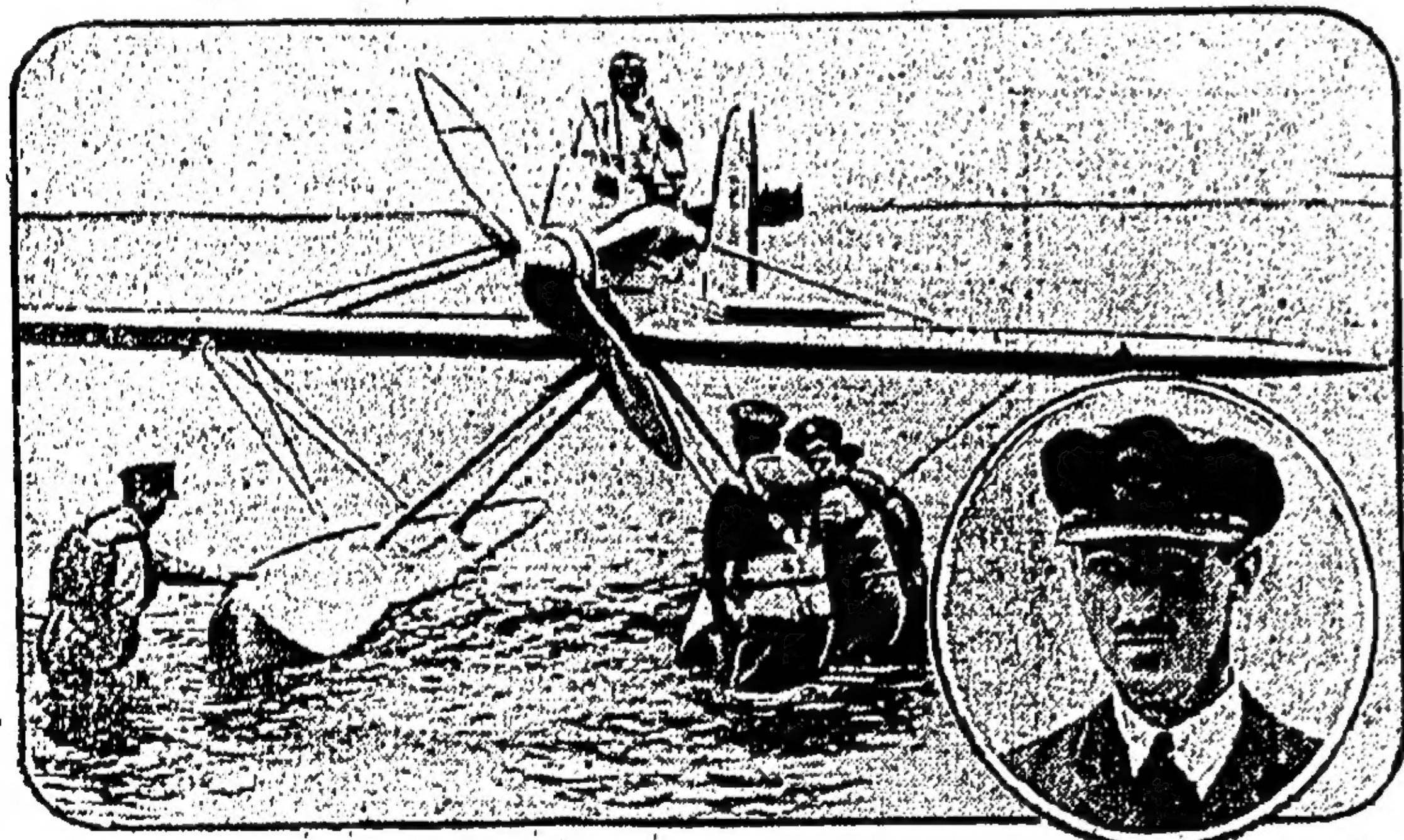
Among the local industries in England is the making of trugs, the basket favoured by gardeners and green grocers, in the Sussex village of Hurstmonceux, where the craft has long been practised. Our photograph shows a Hurstmonceux workshop. Of the two men, the one on the left is splitting wood-ash, chestnut, and willow which are used for his colleague to bend into the framework of the trugs. A pile of frames can be seen ready for the next operation. (Times copyright).



Mrs. Bella Frank, the leading figure in a remarkable case in the American court. She married one of twins and afterwards divorced him. Later she sued him for alimony, and he declared he was only her brother-in-law.



Sir Kynaston Studd (bareheaded), the Lord Mayor-elect of London, photographed with Sir Charles Batho, recently. (Times copyright).



Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig greatly disappointed in failing to beat the world's air speed record on Sunday. Our picture shows the Supermarine-Napier seaplane in which the attempt was made and (inset) D'Arcy Greig.



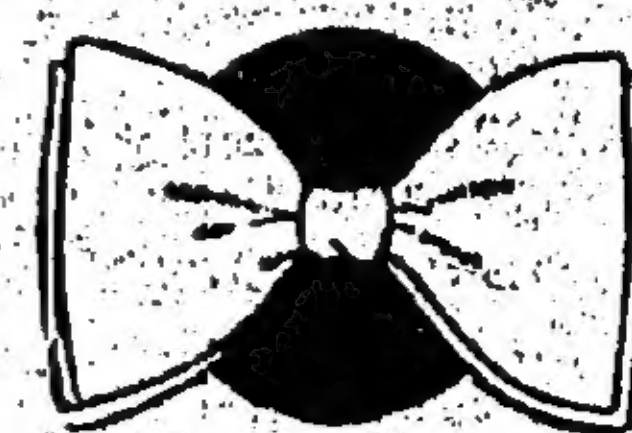
The two French aviators, Assolant and Lefevre, who turned back after starting from Paris to New York and have not resumed their flight.



A Chinese diver went down at the N. Y. K. Wharf in Shanghai last week following the Edenton collision, to dive and ascertain the damage done to the pontoon and also to search for three persons believed to have been drowned.



Mr. Angus Mackinnon and his bride, who was Miss Agnes Anna Fairlie, taken after their wedding in the Union Church, Shanghai. Reading from left to right are: Mrs. S. Marks, Miss Yvonne Pollock, bridesmaid, Mr. S. Marks, who gave the bride away, the bride, the groom, Miss Gladie Pollock, bridesmaid, and Mr. Matheson, best man.



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New Advertisements.

PUBLIC BAND CONCERT.

A Public Band Concert will be given in the **BOTANIC GARDENS** on **FRIDAY, November 9th**, from 5 to 6 p.m. By the Band of the **KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS** (By kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers.)

Admission to Gardens free; 50 cents to Enclosure.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Seventh Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on **Saturday, 10th November, 1928**, commencing at 2 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at \$5 each, up to Friday, 9th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Registery No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
No. 1181.	Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong.	As per sale plan.	2,183	\$15	\$1,250

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **THURSDAY**, the 8th November, 1928, at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, One "Harley Davidson" Motor Cycle with Side Car. (In good running order.) On View from Wednesday, the 7th November, 1928. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. **LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.**

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **THURSDAY**, the 8th November, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising:—

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A Valuable Collection of Curios comprising:—Chinese Hand Paintings, Porcelain Vases, Bowls, Plates, Jade, Crystal, Agate, and Amber Ornaments, Lacquer and Blackwood, Tables, Chairs, Cupboard, Curio Cabinets, Joss Tables, etc., etc. On View from Monday, the 12th November, 1928. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. **LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.**

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All particulars as to ships in Communication, rates etc. may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippines Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

On and after Monday the 22nd inst. no morning mail will be dispatched to Macao until further notice. The afternoon mail will continue to be dispatched as at present.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCELS MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.
Xmas and New Year Parcels Mail for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office at 5 p.m., the 9th November per s.s. "Macedonia."

This mail is due in London on the 14th December. The regular morning mail for Macao will be resumed on Monday, the 6th instant at the usual hour of 7.15 a.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.
On Monday, the 12th inst., the G. P. O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, the Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices at Wanchai, Sheungwan, Saiyungwan, Yau-mai and Shamshuipo 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on Sunday, and also one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Himalaya Maru	November 7.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	November 7.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	November 7.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	November 8.
Japan	Hakata Maru	November 8.
Europe via Suez letters and papers, London 11th October and parcels 4th October	Malwa	November 9.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	November 9.
Japan and Shanghai	Macedonia	November 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow	November 9.
Straits	Katori Maru	November 11.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	November 12.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	November 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	November 16.
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Suez	Macedonia	November 9.
Siberia, London 10th October	Emp. of Canada	November 19.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai via London 30th Oct.	Empress of France	November 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Wed., Nov. 7, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Morioka Maru	Wed., Nov. 7, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except places North of Townsville) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Norviken	Wed., Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
Hollow and Haiphong	Himalaya Maru	Thurs., Nov. 8, Registration Nov. 8, 9.45 a.m. (Due Brisbane 25th Nov.)
Japan	Manado Maru	Thurs., Nov. 8, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cromer	Thurs., Nov. 8, 10 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Foo Shek	Thurs., Nov. 8, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangas	Thurs., Nov. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Lycemon	Wed., Nov. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo	Fri., Nov. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Nov. 9, 1 p.m.
Straits, Bombay L. Marques, and South Africa	Hakata Maru	Fri., Nov. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Malwa	Fri., Nov. 9, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Malwa	Fri., Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sul Sang	Sat., Nov. 10, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., Nov. 10, K. P. O. 9th, 4.30 a.m. 10th, 9 a.m. 10th, 10 a.m. G. P. O. 9th, 5 p.m. 10th, 9.45 a.m. 10th, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, Dec. 7th and 8th)
Hollow	Klungchow	Sat., Nov. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Liangchow	Sun., Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	Mon., Nov. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Katori Maru	Mon., Nov. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Nov. 12, 10 a.m. Registration Nov. 12, 11.15 a.m. Letters Nov. 12, noon. (Due Victoria B.C. 3rd December.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taipei	Tues., Nov. 13, 1 p.m. 12 noon. Registration Nov. 12, noon. Letters Nov. 13, 8.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 24th Nov.)
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Korea Maru	Tues., Nov. 13, 9.15 a.m. 10 a.m. (Due San Francisco 7th December.)
Amoy	Soochow	Tues., Nov. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Menehaus	Tues., Nov. 13, K. P. O. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. G. P. O. 1.15 p.m. 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 14th Dec.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., Nov. 13, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Chak Sang	Tues., Nov. 13, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Yuman	Wed., Nov. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Mausang	Thurs., Nov. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Hollow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Teau	Thurs., Nov. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Fri., Nov. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang	Fri., Nov. 16, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Nov. 16, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Registration Nov. 16, 4.30 p.m. K. P. O. 1 p.m. 1 p.m. G. P. O. 1.15 p.m. 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 18th December.)
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Sat., Nov. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang	Tues., Nov. 20, 1 p.m. 1 p.m. Letters Nov. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., Nov. 20, 2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SERENADERS' OPENING NIGHT.

BRIGHT PROGRAMME AT STAR THEATRE.

At the Star Theatre last night Jack Carter's Serenaders opened their season in Kowloon with a bright and jazzy programme that was well received by the large audience present. A variety of well rendered numbers, all of which followed each other without a break except for the interval, were well received, especially some of the eccentric dancing which was very skilfully executed.

A great deal was heard of the orchestra, which proved to be adept at rendering jazz items and some solo pieces also won much applause. Mr. Teddy Weatherford, at the piano, made a hit with his solo efforts "Indian Love Call" and "Kitten on the Keys," both of which he played very cleverly.

Messrs. Jack Carter, Bo-Diddly and Miss Valada Snow, the latter being the only lady in the show, contributed enjoyable songs and other items, individually and together.

"DRUMS OF LOVE."

BASED ON FAMOUS HISTORIC INCIDENT.

Adapted from the historical incident of Francesca da Rimini, D. W. Griffith's new independently produced spectacle, "Drums of Love," which arrives at the Queen's Theatre to-day is heralded by competent critics as being his greatest achievement since "The Birth of a Nation." In "Drums of Love" the great director takes one to a mythical kingdom in which two brothers hold complete sway. Don Cathos, the fighter, is a man of iron will, an ugly, misshapen dwarf of a giant. Leonardo, the younger, is handsome and gentle, the object of all women's eyes. It is only when Cathos receives a beautiful girl for a bride as a token of homage from a neighbouring nobleman, and Leonardo falls in love with his brother's wife, that complications enter into the plot. Scene upon scene of dramatic intensity builds up a startling denouement which provides an extremely thrilling climax. The huge cast, which includes some 2,000 extras in big battle scenes, is headed by Mary Philbin, Lionel Barrymore, Don Alvarado and Tully Marshall.

CONTINENTAL STEEL OUTPUT.

MILLS RUNNING TO FULL CAPACITY.

A correspondent, writing from Luxembourg, thus describes the condition of the Iron and Steel industries there.

"Things in the steel world in Luxembourg are rosy, although makers maintain that profits are getting less on account of the higher wages and salaries which have to be paid. There is not a ton of steel to be obtained either here or in Belgium or in France until after the new year. Germany might supply the deficit, but I am told that they would exceed their quota in the Continental Trust, and thereby incur the penalty of 5s. per ton excess.

"Money seems to be plentiful for new construction. Dudelange is building four 500-ton furnaces, and Differdange is starting the complete reconstruction of the ten existing furnaces.

"Meantime, the British Iron and steel industries are being fed with promises by the politicians, and are being told to wait until after the election of next year. Most of the works may be closed by then; the only ones in operation may be those which own their ore supplies, provided they are cheap.

"It may be mentioned that in Luxembourg and Belgium the leading 'Roller' in a steel mill gets about 6s. per shift, as compared with 30s. per shift for the same workman in Britain. Lower grades are paid in proportion. Longer hours are worked on the Continent, but in these protected countries living is cheaper."

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

"BLACK PIRATE" COMING TO WORLD.

Ranking as the greatest of the sea pictures yet offered by the screen "The Black Pirate" comes to the World Theatre as the feature attraction from Thursday to Saturday, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "The Black Pirate" has been shown in Hongkong before, but such is the glamour of the picture that it is certain to draw crowded houses during its present run, the last occasion local cinema-goers will have of seeing it screened in Hongkong. The picture, in short it one which can be seen a second or even a third time with undiminished enjoyment, while seeing it for the first time is a treat indeed.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Winter Coats.

NEW FASHIONS IN FURS.

Mink, broadtail, ermine, caracul, Persian lamb, grey squirrel—the most fascinating of last season's furs, are to continue their triumphant reign. Exclusive Autumn and early Winter coats fashioned from them were displayed last month to a favoured few, by Revillon Freres, in their Salons at 130, Regent-street. Many small points, however, in the work and style distinguish these newest models from the coats that preceded them.

The sleeves are an interesting feature. Gone is last year's cuff in many cases, and in its place is a bell-like sleeve, usually cut to a point beneath. Charming effects, too, have been attained by skilful dyeing. Snow-white ermine has been thus converted into soft, pleasing shades of champagne or platinum, for evening coats. Fox is dyed *bois de rose*, and blue caté tints to make effective trimming for coats of contrasting fur.

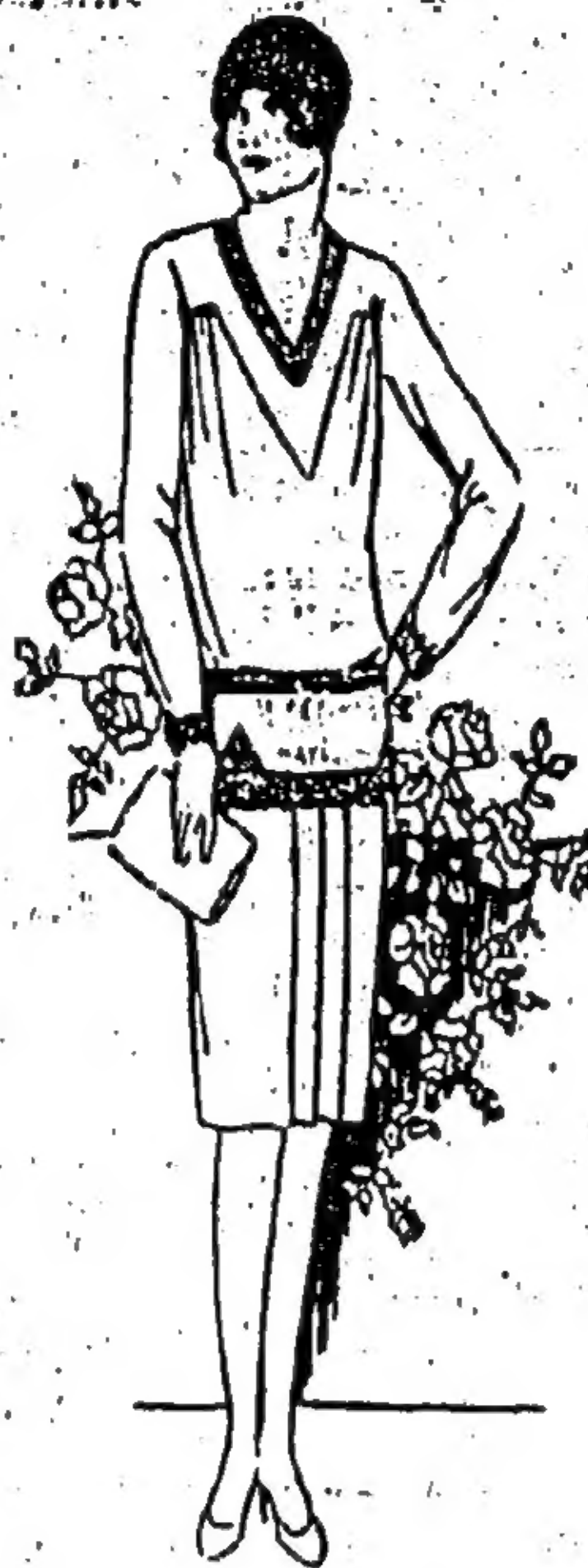
New Features.

A new feature of a coat in black Persian lamb is its full, loose *acc* back. Equally novel is a moleskin cape cut so full that it hangs straight down contoured at the back and loses its capelike semblance. So full is the front, too, that, if liked, it can be cast cavalier-fashion over one shoulder.

A coat made from natural brown ermine is distinguished by a big rever of ring velvet—one only that falls gracefully to the waist. It has the advantage that it can be thrown across the shoulder in chilly moments, losing none of its smartness by the transformation.

A deep circular dip at the back is a novel feature of a coat of delicate grey sheared lamb, with fox fur as trimming. Flying fox is used to trim a slender coat of silky black caracul, with the new bell sleeve. It is made doubly attractive by reason of its exceeding light weight.

A coat of black Persian broadtail is trimmed with rich dark



A frock of many uses, in pepper beige marocain, bound with green, and having green belt and cuffs. The front-pleated skirt is practical, while the jumper, with sleeves cut in one with the yoke, is Parisian of inspiration.

mink. Where the long mink collar ends towards the waist, three loose hanging skins of mink continue its effective line to the hem.

The perfection of silver grey squirrel is achieved in a coat made from clear, perfect pelts, and an exquisite coat of natural Canadian mink, with rich dark colouring and a beautiful sheen, is an example of expert workmanship; the skins be-

For Sports Wear.

GLOVES BUCKLED AND EDGED WITH GOLD.

Paris is rivaling London in the art of designing sports clothes which show a little imagination, as well as the utilitarian qualities demanded by outdoor pursuits.

Box calf leather coats are lined with tweed, and have capacious interior pockets, leather bound. Many designers forget all about this urgent requirement. Leather or suede golf *casquins*, made with lightning fasteners or buttoned to the throat, are shown in every colour.

Golfing ensembles comprise a pleated jersey skirt and a knitted jumper. These are usually complemented with the finest and most supple felt coats imaginable. These coats are bound with a contrasting coloured felt or soft skin.

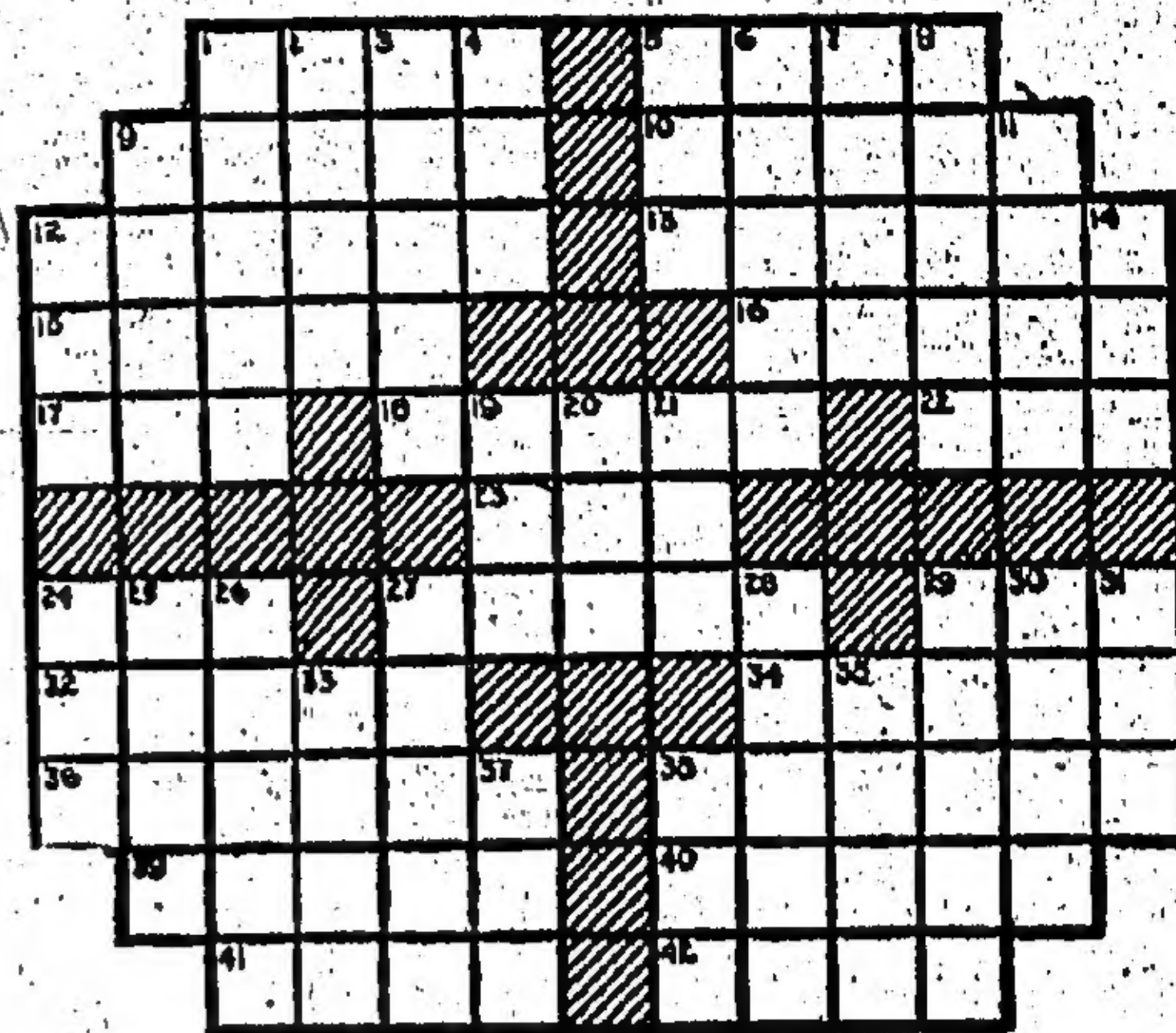
Leather hats, of such soft skins that they are scarcely discernible from felt, are fashioned in all the latest designs and trimmed with gold ornaments. Leather berets are a novelty bound to enjoy a vogue. One in bright scarlet had the skin arranged in quarters which lined together across the crown. A good many hats are accompanied by scarves embroidered with wool.

Stout leather gloves are finished with gold buckles and neat gold edgings. Pig-skin is the favourite skin, and there are some serviceable belts, fastened with gold clips, to match.

There is no end to the novelties in handbags, but a flat leather affair with sober gold bindings is claiming the attention of the smartest women. Octagonal-shaped pouchettes with a narrow binding of a contrasting skin are also smart. Flap designs are fastened with clips rather than clasps.

ing joined fanwise in front, conveying an impression of them having been gathered into a point at the waist line.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Type of restaurant.
- 5 Lowest female voice.
- 9 To divorce the wife (Mohammedan law).
- 10 Ferocious.
- 12 To revolve.
- 13 To put a person ashore on a desolate island and leave him to his fate.
- 15 Musical drama.
- 16 A saw-like organ.
- 17 Wager.
- 18 Black.
- 22 To mention.
- 23 Reverential fear.
- 24 Similar to a donkey.
- 27 A spirited horse.
- 29 Boer.
- 32 Subject of a discourse.
- 34 More uncommon.
- 36 Escaped.
- 38 Peculiar to the ocean.
- 39 A sluggard.
- 40 To divert.
- 41 A marshy place.
- 42 Woman.

Vertical

- 1 Punctuation mark in the shape of an inverted "V."
- 2 Pertaining to wings.
- 3 Deadly.
- 4 To piece out.
- 5 Branch.
- 6 Rental contract.
- 7 Net weight of a container.

- 8 Smells.
- 9 Standard.
- 11 North American rail (bird).
- 12 Mass or lump.
- 14 Negative.
- 19 Grain.
- 20 To be indebted.
- 21 To scan.
- 24 Supper.
- 25 Bartered.
- 26 Goods to action.
- 27 An episode in action.
- 28 Theatrical play.
- 29 To ascend.
- 30 Voiceless and nonaspirated *p*, *k* and *t*.
- 31 Before.
- 35 Imagines.
- 36 Plant.
- 37 Form of molature.
- 38 Insane.

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Sir John Campbell has been appointed financial adviser to the Government of Ind, salary £4,000, on a two years' contract.

Dr. C. A. H. Green, the first Bishop of Monmouth, has accepted the Bishopric of Bangor, in succession to the late Dr. Davies.

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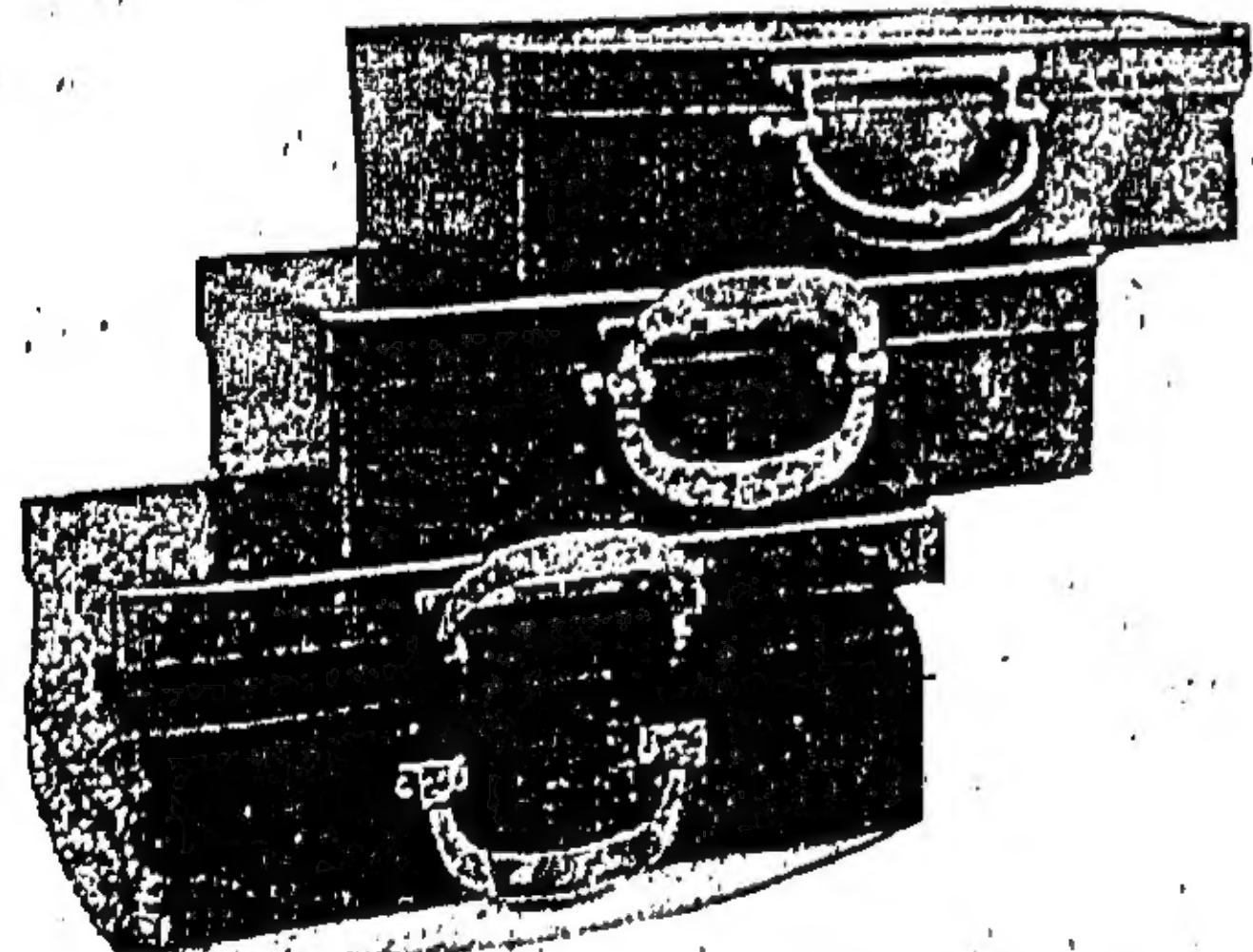
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THE U.S. ELECTION.

It is probable that by the time these lines appear in print, there may be some early indications of how the United States Presidential election is likely to pan out, although inasmuch as Hongkong is, by the clock, some thirteen hours ahead of America, the result will not be definitely known until tomorrow. It is generally admitted that the present election presents many uncertainties, mainly due to cross-currents on the religious and prohibition issues, but, even so, only the most ardent Democrats think that Governor Smith has any real chance of success. Odds have all along been substantially in favour of Mr. Hoover, and it will indeed be the unexpected if he does not win with a handsome margin to spare. It is, however, well to be prepared for all eventualities in a contest marked by so many unusual factors.

Forecasts are always dangerous at election-times, but it is interesting to note what the *Literary Digest's* final "straw vote" indicated. We have it on the authority of an American newspaper man that these "straw votes" can really be taken as some guide to popular opinion. The latest of these, issued on Friday last, gave Mr. Hoover a total of 1,760,585 votes, as against 987,795 for Governor Smith, or 63.2 per cent. for the former and 35.7 per cent. for the latter. These votes, it may be noted, represent the response to nine million ballots sent out. On the face of the returns, the Democratic candidate is sure of the electoral vote of only four States—Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. With the exception of a few doubtful States, mostly in the South, the Republican nominee is shown with a commanding lead elsewhere. Alabama and Arkansas may be classed amongst the doubtful States, whilst it is interesting to note that in New York State, of which Mr. Smith is the Governor, the forecast shows 218,920 votes for Mr. Hoover against 185,669 for his opponent. The features of this test poll are the great pluralities given to the Republican candidate in most States, marked gains for the Democrats over 1924 throughout most of the country, especially in the large cities, and the Republican strength which has developed in the South. How far these pointers will be borne out by the actual

election we shall have to wait and see.

Regarding the two candidates, the bulk of American opinion would appear to be that Mr. Hoover is the more qualified of the two for the high position of President. As Secretary of Commerce and one of the right-hand men of Mr. Coolidge, he has long had a firm grasp of national affairs, whilst his personal knowledge of the outside world make him more of an international figure than his opponent. Governor Smith, a man of humble upbringing and with no pretensions to education, has served his country well as Governor of New York, but he has not had the wide administrative experience of Mr. Hoover and his outlook may be regarded as rather more insular. Against these drawbacks must be placed his remarkable personality, which has won him his way to nomination, and his undisputed integrity. The Democrats, however, have suffered in recent years from the lack of really "big men," and it is very doubtful whether Governor Smith will be able to break their post-war record of reverses in the presidential elections. Should he be elected, it would be a great and surprising triumph for the Democrats and a wonderful tribute to his remarkable personality. But the portents would appear to favour the Republicans.

The Japanese Coronation.

Britannia, in all parts of the world, and especially those in the East, will re-echo the sentiment expressed in the King's Speech on the opening of Parliament, wishing the Emperor of Japan, who is to be enthroned on Saturday, a long and glorious reign. Such an expression of goodwill comes naturally from Britain, in view of her long and honoured association with Japan and the cordial friendship between the two nations. Regarding the Coronation ceremonies, it is interesting to note that altogether they extend over more than a year and are not confined to such great centres as Tokyo and Kyoto, but reach out into far distant local districts, including the provinces of Ise and Yamato, which have had the closest relations with the Imperial Courts since olden times. Not only for the Imperial Family, but for the state and the nation the ceremonies are of the greatest importance. The ceremonies of the Enthronement are those in which the new Emperor succeeds to the possession of the Three Sacred Treasures (the Mirror, the Sword, and the Jewel) which have been handed down to succeeding Emperors from the Imperial Ancestress Amaterasu-Omikami, the Goddess of the Sun, and which are the guardians and the emblems of the Imperial Throne. The newly ascended Emperor personally informs the Ancestral Spirits and announces to the nation at large the fact that he has succeeded to the highest position in the Japanese Empire, and now rules the nation. The other ceremonies, namely, those of the Grand Festival, centre around the offering of newly harvested rice to the Ancestral Spirits and the Gods of Heaven and Earth. The Emperor himself tastes the rice, which is also partaken of by the government officials and other subjects. Among the Gods of Heaven and Earth are included those subjects who have been apotheosized on account of their services to the state. The officials and subjects invited to the Grand Banquet are the representatives of the nation. And this time representatives of the colonies, the mandated territories, and the Japanese residents in Hawaii, California, etc., are also invited. The ceremony betokens the august desire of the Emperor, on this unique occasion, to worship the Imperial Ancestress and those of his subjects, and to enjoy the occasion with the nation.

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DAY BY DAY.

THE PATIENT CAN OFFENDER DO WITHOUT THE DOCTOR, THAN THE DOCTOR WITHOUT THE PATIENT.—Zimmerman.

Lieut. T. Leahy has been appointed to H.M.S. Titania.

Sub-Lieut. J. R. Bryans has been appointed to H.M.S. Titania.

The B. I. s.s. Troward, from Singapore, is due here on the 12th instant.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia from Shanghai is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

No further news has been received by the local agents of the Columbia Pacific Line with reference to the stranded s.s. Michigan.

The s.s. Kwong Sai, after overhaul and refit at Kowloon Dock, has been re-berthed at her wharf and resumes on the Canton run immediately.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. G. A. Hutton Potts, share broker, No. 2, "Alberose," Pokfulam, to Miss S. S. Well, of No. 1, "Alberose," Pokfulam.

The death of Mr. William Henry Edmunds, from heart failure, occurred in Canton suddenly on Monday morning. Mr. Edmunds was a junior officer in the out-door staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs and was on duty only 24 hours before his death.

Small-pox again figured prominently on the local health return yesterday, there being four fresh cases—three in Kowloon and one in the New Territory. There were also three cases of typhoid and one case of diphtheria reported. All the sufferers were Chinese.

A house coolie, employed at No. 2, Observatory Villas, was fined \$7 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, for depositing a quantity of house refuse in the lane at the rear of the Villas. It was stated by Sanitary Inspector Roylance that several complaints had been received from residents in the vicinity.

The transport Somersetshire arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday from Hongkong with the 1st Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment on board. The transport Dorsetshire has left Weihaiwei for Shanghai, H.M.S. Stormcloud also leaving for the same port. H.M.S. Titania and submarines L3, L15, L19, L27 and L38 have left Amoy for Hongkong.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 20 departures, five and eight respectively being British, leaving 55 vessels in port, British 21. Tonnage showed an increase, with all ships registering cargo, the British total under both headings being approximately 8,000 tons. Generally low figures were returned by all nationalities.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

HUMOUR.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—After reading Mr. Adler's letter in your issue of yesterday, I still cannot see how Mr. Robert MacWhirter could have conveyed, in his article on the M.C.L., any wrong impression.

He made MacPherson appear to be unable to distinguish between the two groups of Christian Scientists. He did not express any opinion as to the genuineness of any particular group.

Mr. Adler now admits that there are two groups, sects, branches, organisations, call them what he

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

Seamen in the early days could not go ashore at Hongkong after dark without a permit?

In a regulation by Capt. Elliot, dated Macao, 15th May, 1841, it was stated that the leaving of seamen and other persons on shore at Hongkong without the written permission of the Government being attended with expense and danger to the public peace, it was declared that masters of ships convicted of such irregularity before the Chief Magistrate would be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100.

Seamen belonging to merchant ships found on shore after sunset, without a ticket of leave, were to be arrested and sent away at the charge of the ship.

will, one lot of whom believe in the teachings of Christian Science as set forth by Mrs. Eddy and the other who still advocate Christian Science but who, in addition, subscribe to the idea that the service of medical science is not incompatible with their belief.

Such being the case, I consider Mr. MacWhirter's seeming doubt quite understandable and Mr. Adler's comment thereon entirely unwarranted.—Yours, etc.,

COMMONSENSE.

Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1928.

ABOLISHING THE HOME

PROTEST BY MEN AT A DEBATE.

Should the home be abolished? Mrs. Cecil Chesterton and Mrs. Dora Russell debated this question recently at Essex Hall, Strand, at a gathering held under the auspices of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries. The hall was crowded with people, mostly women.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote was taken, the majority voting in favour of the home being abolished.

Mrs. Chesterton spoke in favour of the home.

"I don't care what you say," she said, "but every girl at the bottom of her heart wants a husband and children in spite of the difficulties she has to undergo to get them. (Loud laughter.) And every girl wants a home, though not necessarily through marriage. A bed-sitting-room is a 'home.' It is the lack of enough homes that is the trouble. What we want is a change in economics. Then we should have better homes. If you do away with the home you deny the right which exists in every woman, the right of some little personal possession."

Then Mrs. Russell took up the cudgels.

"There are two types of homes in our modern life," she stated, "the overburdened, over-crowded, working-class home, and the kind of home which produces the sort of woman that turns into a cinema fan."

"Empty-Headed Women."

Mrs. Russell maintained that shutting women up in brick boxes with only one child and little to do would inevitably result in a surplus of empty-headed women who would become the curse of our modern civilisation. She admitted that one of the strongest oppositions to the abolition of the home was the "tyranny of father, who liked to think he had his people at home all nicely bottled up together. The home," she added, "is only fit for babies under two years of age, and as soon as we can I think we should fly from it for our lives."

In the general discussion one man jumped to his feet and exclaimed heatedly: "I tell you if you women are going to try and abolish my home you are up against something!" Another man said that he felt the men had been held up to "hatred, ridicule, and contempt" during the debate.

The Very Idea!

John Buchanan, an eighteen-year-old crippled boy of the National Children's Home, Chipping Norton, who was born without hands, is a frequent winner of prizes for designs. Some of his work was to be seen in the Exhibition of Industrial Designs at the Imperial Institute lately. Buchanan holds his brush between two stumps, but he has won the second prize for an illuminated calendar, illustrating the passage of Lavengro beginning "Life is Sweet, Brother."

Teacher: "Can you tell me, Johnny, what a mouse likes to do most?"

Johnny: "Now, sir."

Teacher: "Correct."

The United States Army authorities have decided to attach whistles to all the carrier pigeons they employ, so that the noise made as they rush through the air will be a protection against hawks, says a Washington message.

The idea of whistles attached to the tails of birds has been copied from China, where any day in Peking, a flock of pigeons can be heard passing like the sound of a hundred harps being strummed.

It is not true, however, that crows are being supplied with klaxon hooters and gulls with buzzers. It is equally untrue that to give grouse a fair chance on the moors, they are being supplied with bagpipes.

Woman at Ashford, Kent: I told him (the defendant) I would not stoop to wipe my boots on his trousers.

Widow at Willesden: I am courting a widower. He promised to marry me, but now he has taken a fancy to my daughter.

Wilkeson child witness: Mother and my two aunts were fighting. I pulled mother away and said, "One dog, one bone."

A woman witness at Glasgow: She was using unclean language. Essex husband: My wife's temper, sir! It is not a temper, it's a climate.

Man paying a fine at Romford: I certainly shall not be a customer here often if this is what you charge. Chairman: We do not want your custom.

In correspondence with Seaton Delaval Council, Northumberland regarding the assessment of the Collywell Bay branch line, the L.N.E.R. Company state that negotiations are in progress for the abandonment of the line. The railway, constructed on the outbreak of the war, was never opened. It was intended to serve the Seaton sluice area, and has lately been used to store surplus mineral trucks.

(Dr. John Fisher tells us that the simple life is an impossible craze that leads to trouble.)

To wear no boots and cook no food

And dress in an empty sack,

And to sleep in a tent that is old and crude

Or a kind of cave man's shack,

May sound as simple as ABC,

With its promise of simple life,

But, alas, with a simple chap like me

It simply can't be done.

He was lying upon his death-bed,

and his business partner was standing at the bedside.

"I've got a confession to make," said the dying man. "I robbed the firm of £20,000, I sold the blue prints of your invention to the rival firm, I stole the letters that were used against you in your divorce suit, and I forged—"

"Don't worry; don't worry," murmured his partner. "I poisoned you."

BETTER TO ARREST THIEVES.

MAGISTRATE'S ADVICE TO CONSTABLE.

A Chinese constable who arrested a hawk for selling chestnuts charged him before Mr. R. B. Lind-sell, this morning, by committing a breach of the conditions of his licence.

The decision of the Bench was that as chestnuts come from trees, they must be regarded as fruit.

The constable ventured to point out that they were cooked chestnuts which the man was selling.

His Worship: "It is very little different. Use your discretion. If you arrest a few thieves it might be better. Defendant discharged."

To another defendant, a Chinese woman who was charged with dumping rubbish in the street and who pleaded that she was a new-comer and did not know the regulations, his Worship remarked, succinctly:—"£3. You know now."

From Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., we have received a most useful catalogue which is solely devoted to "Whiteaway's Standard Values." It is most comprehensive, there being no fewer than sixty-four pages of illustrations showing a wide variety of specialities.

THREE LICENSEES WARNED.**MEETING OF LICENSING BOARD.****PENINSULA HOTEL.**

The Licensing Board met in the Sanitary Board Room today for the consideration of applications under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinances of 1911 and 1917, the only new application being that for a publican's licence for the new Peninsula Hotel in Kowloon.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., presided, others present being the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. W. L. Patenden, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Major C. Willson (Secretary).

Warnings Issued.

Mr. H. J. H. White, who applied for a publican's licence for the Kowloon Hotel, appeared before the Board and was told by the Chairman that the C.S.P. wished to issue a warning to the effect that the applicant should be warned that closing hours must be adhered to. The Chairman added that the warning was a result of Mr. White being fined in December last year for selling out of hours. It was possible for him to get an extension of his licence on festival days on payment of the necessary fees.

Mr. White: I am taking due care of that.

The Board renewed the licence on the conditions named.

A Japanese appeared on behalf of Mrs. Joe Yamakawa, who applied for a restaurant keeper's licence for the Yamakawa Hotel, 47 Praya East. He was told by the Chairman that the Justices were prepared to renew the licence with a warning that he must not repeat the offence for which he had been fined \$25. Any further breach would endanger his licence.

A representative of Mrs. Kato Suva, who applied for a restaurant keeper's licence for the Asahi Beer Hall, 56 and 57 Praya East, was told that the licence had been fined for serving without meals and also during prohibited hours. The Justices accepted the recommendation of the C.S.P. to renew the licence but to issue a warning that breaches of this kind in future would endanger the licence.

With regard to the application for a publican's licence without bar, standing in the name of Mr. A. Leong Hing Kee for the Hotel Savoy, the Chairman announced that the licence would be renewed subject to conditions which had been agreed upon and which it was desired that the applicant should understand.

Formal Renewals.

The following other licences were formally granted:

Publican's Licences.—Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, King Edward Hotel, Palace Hotel.

Publican's Licences without bar.—St. Francis Hotel, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Peak Hotel.

Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licences.—Station Hotel, Tokyo Hotel, Chitose Hotel, Shokudoraku Hotel, Suhiro Hotel, Metropole Hotel, Chitose Kwan Hotel, Empress Hotel, Tung Shan Hotel, the Great China Hotel, and the Hotel Asia.

Restaurant Keeper's Adjunct Licences.—Cafe Alexandra, Otafuku, Harunoya Hotel, the South China Restaurant, Queen's Cafeteria, Ka Ping, and Sincere's Roof Garden.

SECRET WIRELESS POST.**FOUND NEAR NICE; ALLEGED USE BY ANTI-FASCIST.**

Paris, Oct. 8. The French police have just discovered a powerful secret wireless post at Eze, near Nice, which, it is alleged, was used by an anti-Fascist Italian lawyer, Alexandre Pertini, for communication with enemies of the existing Italian Government across the border. The aerial was cunningly hidden among the trees in the park of a country house far from the beaten track.

The police knew of the existence of an unregistered wireless post, but it was only after the most careful investigations that they found out, as they state, that an Italian emigre slipped into the park nearly every night for no apparent reason. The post had a radius of over 150 miles.

So far, the Italian has refused to make any statement or to say with whom he was in communication. He is reported to have escaped from Italy last year with the Italian Socialist Deputy, Thrali, by making a dash by motor boat to Corsica, and later to have lived at Nice under an assumed name.

\$400 PAID OUT FOR MURDER.**FOUR CHINESE CHARGED IN SHANGHAI.****A UNION DISPUTE.**

Shanghai, Nov. 8. A sequel to a labour union murder last year outside the B. A. T. factory in Thorburn Road was heard at the Provisional Court yesterday when four Chinese, including a labour delegate, arrested recently, were remanded on the capital charge.

C. D. I. Prince, informed the court that the crime was instigated by the union in consequence of a dispute which they had with deceased who was shot to death in Thorburn Road while on his way to work in the factory. There was a lot of labour agitation at the time and \$400 were handed to the delegate for distribution to the other assassins for the shooting. A dispute arose over the division of the money which led to their arrest and exposure.

A Chinese witness, who had previously refused to appear in court to give evidence in the case as he was afraid of the vengeance which may fall upon him by the union and relatives of the prisoners, was taken to court yesterday under police custody. He stated that he saw three of the accused loitering in the factory before the shooting and heard them disputing over a certain sum of money which was given to them by the union.

C. D. I. Prince further stated that the families of the deceased had left Shanghai as they were in fear of the union. The delegate he said held a high position in the union and was a delegate of the tobacco workers. The other three accused were arrested recently in Balkal Road by two Chinese constables. After further evidence, the case was remanded.

A SET BACK TO TRADE.**FURTHER DECLINE IN EXPORTS.**

The main figures of Britain's foreign trade for September are not good, though there are one or two redeeming features.

One is the evidence afforded of greater activity in the shipbuilding industry, and the other that the actual visible adverse trade balance is unusually small.

So far as the general turnover of trade is concerned, there is a rather serious decline even after making all allowance for the effect in some directions of lower prices. Imports show a decline, as compared with September, 1927, of nearly \$14,000,000, while exports are down just over \$5,000,000. As regards exports, the decline would have been heavier but for the exceptional advance of nearly \$3,000,000 under the head of new ships sent abroad.

It is not a good feature of the import figures that less than \$1,000,000 of the heavy fall should have occurred in articles, wholly or mainly manufactured. Nearly the whole of the decline in imports is accounted for by the big drop in the value of law materials and foodstuffs.

Fall in Value.

As regards the later, lower prices have played a part, and to that extent we have reaped some economic advantage. Our receipts of wheat show a shrinkage in value of about \$2,400,000. Another feature is that imports of butter represent a total shrinkage of over \$1,000,000.

There was also a big drop in imports of sugar. Diminished activity in the building trade would seem to be indicated by the heavy fall of \$2,260,000 under the head of imports of wood and timber. There was also a further decline of \$860,000 in the value of cotton imports. A substantial drop in the value of imports and exports of rubber was largely due to lower price.

The worst feature of the returns is the further decline in exports following upon the recent moderate improvement. Iron and steel manufactures exhibit a drop for the month of \$1,507,000, while cotton and woollen goods show a shrinkage of about \$2,400,000.

For the first nine months of the current year the total value of imports now show a reduction of \$15,851,000, while exports have risen by \$15,232,000. As a consequence, the visible adverse trade balance for the nine months of \$259,495,000 is better by over \$31,000,000 than for the corresponding nine months of last year.

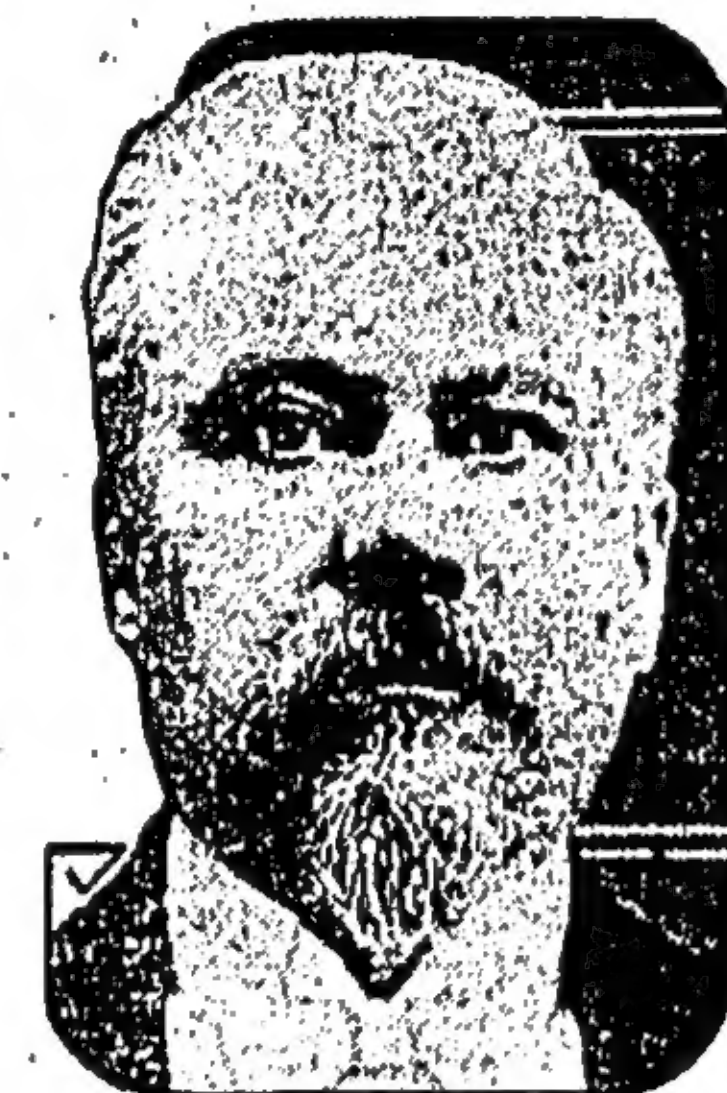
Within two minutes of an outbreak of fire at Oshend-road School, Leith, recently 1,000 children had marched safely out.

LADIES' QUARREL IN OFFICE.**CROSS-ACTIONS FOR ASSAULT BROUGHT.****HEARING DATE FIXED.**

Mr. P. M. Hodgson and Mr. M. K. Lo, representing respectively Mrs. J. E. Ollerton and Miss G. D. Glover, jointly applied this morning to the First Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, for a remand in a case in which Mrs. Ollerton was summoned for assault, alleged to have taken place at the office of the Asiatic Petroleum Company on Saturday last. Mrs. Ollerton in turn brings a cross-summons against Miss Glover.

His Worship enquired if the charges were denied, and Mr. Hodgson, replying, said that for the moment he would like to leave the matter at that.

Mr. Lo mentioned to his Worship a point in regard to a doctor's certificate. He said that Miss Glover was examined by Dr. Durran on Saturday at 11.15 a.m. and that a certificate as to her injuries

RESIGNED.

M. Poincare, whose resignation with the rest of his Cabinet has precipitated a political crisis in France.

was given. Mr. Lo said he understood from his friend, Mr. Hodgson, that he would admit the document without calling the doctor, so as to save expenses.

Mr. Hodgson said he would like to consult his client first, but promised to let Mr. Lo know "in good time."

Mr. Lo then remarked that, prior to his Worship fixing the date, he would like allowance to be made for the time required to serve subpoenas on certain people who worked in the office.

His Worship enquired if the people whom Mr. Lo had in mind had refused to give evidence, and pointed out that the object of subpoenas was to secure the attendance of such people as would otherwise be unwilling to attend. He added that he merely mentioned the point for Mr. Lo's attention.

Mr. Lo replied that, for one thing, the people whom he was going to subpoena had to get leave from the office, and there might be other grounds on which they would have to be subpoenaed.

The hearing is fixed for Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

General Valentin Mendez has been imprisoned for attempting to bribe fourteen voters in the coming Presidential elections in Nicaragua.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT IN BANK.**CHINESE CLERK'S ACT IN SINGAPORE.****FORGERY SEQUEL.**

A Chinese clerk named Yap Foong Chong, employed by Messrs. V. R. Vick and Co., Singapore, went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Saturday about one o'clock, and attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a pen-knife when it was discovered that a cheque which had been tendered by him to a Chinese shopkeeper, and passed by the Ho Hong Bank to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was a forgery.

The cheque was for \$2,000, and purported to have been signed by Mr. Arthur, of Messrs. V. R. Vick and Co., and was drawn on that firm's account at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Some time on Saturday, before the banks had opened, Yap Foong Chong is alleged to have taken this cheque to a Chinese shopkeeper and obtained an advance of \$1,000 on it, explaining that he required the money very quickly and could not wait until the banks opened.

The cheque was tendered by the shopkeeper to the Ho Hong Bank, and passed by the latter to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in the usual way. At the latter bank the forgery was discovered. The news in some way reached Yap Foong Chong. He hurried to the bank and then, his worst fears confirmed, went into the clerk's lavatory and cut his throat with a pen-knife.

A bank employee found him in the lavatory, bleeding profusely. He was carried to a lounge and removed in an ambulance to the General Hospital, whence, if he recovers, he will be charged with using as genuine a forged document and attempted suicide. Though he succeeded in making a deep gash, none of the blood vessels were severed, and he is expected to recover.

"DEUTSCHLAND UBER ALLES."**GERMAN MAYOR FINED BY BRITISH.**

Wiesbaden, Oct. 12. A British Military Court today fined Herr Boehm, the Burgomaster of Konigsstein, \$5 or fourteen days' imprisonment for having sanctioned the playing of "Deutschland Uber Alles" without previous permission at a concert, at which British troops were present in uniform. The bandmaster was acquitted.

The court did not take a serious view of the offence, but the President pointed out that Herr Boehm must have known the Ordinance, which was framed in German interests as well as British with a view to preventing "incidents."

The anthem was suddenly sprung upon a large audience, and the Germans present took up the refrain and roared out the words. So great was their enthusiasm, that the number was encored.

Tremendous interest was taken in the proceedings, which have been given prominence in the German Press. One Frankfurt paper headed its references to the subject with "Old England also against the German National Hymn."

UNEASINESS AT FOOCHOW.**TROUBLE WITH EX-BANDIT GENERAL.****VIOLENT STUDENTS.**

Just at present there seems to be a certain amount of uneasiness in Foochow as to possible happenings in the near future.

The Government some time ago ordered the ex-bandit, General Lu Hing-bang, to move to South Fukien, but, as might have been expected, he has not paid any attention to the order, but rather seems to be extending his authority in the direction of Foochow, and is now in command of the country as far as or near as the Upper Bridge (Hungshanchiao).

Merchants Intervene.

It is stated that some days ago Admiral Yang, the head of the Provincial Government, was on the point of sending troops against him, but was dissuaded by the merchants, who want to avoid fighting. Admiral Yang has now gone to Nanking, presumably to get help, and to make the position clear to the Central Government. He will also doubtless have something to say about the proposed removal of the Naval School and the Naval Headquarters to Chekiang Province. As most of the personnel of the Navy are Fukienese this move is likely to be strongly opposed by them, as well as by the people of Fukien, who have learned during the past two years that the Naval authorities, with all their weaknesses, are to be preferred to the military authorities who mostly belong to other provinces, and have no interest in Fukien beyond trying to get as much out of it as possible.

Of course it is most unlikely that there will be any recrudescence of anti-foreign feeling, but foreigners are bound to deplore any fresh fighting, which can do good to no one, and is bound to do much harm to many.

Educational Policy.

The new Commissioner of Education appears to be carrying on the policy of his predecessor, and nothing very startling has occurred in the schools. An order has recently been promulgated to the effect that discipline must be emphasised far more in school work than it has been in the past. All possible efforts are to be made to put a stop to the students' societies which have been causing trouble in recent years by threats and actual acts of violence, frustrating the very purpose of education and also disturbing the peace of the locality. This order is the more interesting, since several acts of violence have taken place within the past two weeks, such as attacks on teachers and boys belonging to Christian schools, apparent attempts at incendiarism, besides threats against individual teachers. Some at least of these incidents have been reported to the authorities, and it will soon be seen whether their actions will match their words or not.—Our Own Correspondent.

UNDER TWO FLAGS.**FRENCH WANT CHANGE IN NEW HEBRIDES.**

Proposals that the New Hebrides, the great group of formerly German Pacific Islands situated between New Caledonia and Fiji, should be divided amicably between France and Great Britain, putting an end to the joint rule which at present governs the archipelago, are being brought before the French Government by French colonists.

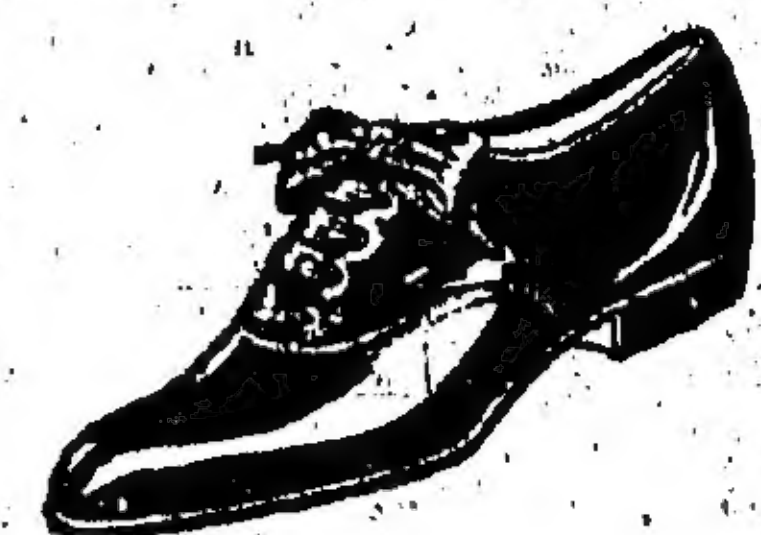
The petitioners desire that the archipelago should be cut into two, the northern part being handed over completely to France and the southern becoming absolutely British territory. Their argument is that the condominium is an unsatisfactory arrangement to both parties and has outlived its usefulness.

British colonists in these out-of-the-way Pacific islands have met with nothing but ill-success owing to their being unable to recruit sufficient labour. On the other hand the French colonists since 1920 have prospered and become rich owing to the fact that they have been able to import more than 4,000 labourers from French Indo-China and can draw, in fact, all the labour they need from the same source. The French exports from the New Hebrides, it is added, are more than double the British exports.

There are 800 settlers in the archipelago, of whom only 350 are British—mostly Australians. The French settlers are mostly in the northern section of the archipelago and the British in the southern section.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

After one full month of cricket, very little progress can be recorded in Senior Division matches. Early October last year saw the League in full swing but this season the senior teams will not really get going until about the latter half of November. On the other hand, quite a large number of Junior League fixtures have been decided, but outside of its immediate circle of players there is really very little interest taken by the followers of local cricket in Junior matches.

Five of the eight teams in the Senior League have not yet played a single match while in the Junior Division, there are only two delinquents out of thirteen entries. The Seniors had another blank day last Saturday and according to the fixture card they will again be "resting" this week.

The Indian R. C. 2nd XI, by winning four matches off the reel, have gained a very useful start and will be hard to catch up. Their victories have all been fairly convincing, and on paper, they have overcome some of the stiffest oppositions.

Craigengower 2nd XI had hoped to surprise the Indians at Sookumpoo, but when set the big score of 166 runs they found the task rather too much for them. The visitors showed very sporting spirit, however, in lashing out to the bowling the way they did, as it struck me they could quite easily have played for a draw.

I noticed that two of the regular players of the I.R.C. 1st team turned out for their juniors in this match, and, as I suggested in my last Notes, it seems that there is a need for the League management to register the players of each individual club which has two teams in the League.

The Police just managed to get the better of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Happy Valley, despite the fact that the visitors, who batted first, were dismissed for only 18 runs. An outstanding feature of the Police team this year, as far as can be judged from their recent performances, is that their bowling is better than ever. Their batting, however, has deteriorated, as after playing five matches they have not once put up anything like a respectable total. I understand that Mr. King is expected back from leave this week; supporters of the Police XI are looking forward to an improvement in their batting when he takes his place in the team.

Alexander, their fast left hand bowler, seems always to find his best form with the ball when playing on home ground. He performed the "hat trick" with the last three balls of his sixth over, his victims being Lee, Cpl. Morgan (bowled), S/Sgt. Greenaway (c and b) and Pte. Corbett (caught Lacey).

As I anticipated, Club de Recreio found the Navy 2nd much too good for them. H. Alves, one of their best all-rounders, showed up very well for the Portuguese team. He took eight wickets for 51 runs and then scored 27 out of a total of 63 runs from the bat, altogether quite a nice bit of work. The Navy are still, more or less, an unknown quantity and it is never safe to take them too lightly. Some weeks ago they lost to the Police in a low scoring match, but this time knocked up 163 runs against the Recreio!

The Civil Service second team will make their initial appearance this week when they will cross over to meet Club de Recreio. The Happy Valley XI have been getting in a lot of practice both at the nets and on Saturday afternoons, and are at present playing very well together. It is quite on the cards that they will return with the full points.

Craigengower will entertain Electric R.C. I expect this will be a very interesting game and the result will probably be in doubt up to the end. Craigengower are well provided with reliable bowlers but the visitors have some really fine batsmen in their ranks, one of whom may come off with an unusually big score at any time.

UZCUDUN WINS.

New York, Nov. 6.
Pauline Uzudun has won a decision over Otto Von Porat, the Norwegian heavyweight, at Madison Square Garden. —Boxer's American Service.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CLUB DE RECREIO DEFEAT THE POLICE.

On the Railway ground yesterday, the Club de Recreio beat the Police by 3 goals to 2 in their First Division League fixture. The Police had Estall in goal for Clarke, and Riddle on the wing in place of Ellis.

In the opening minutes, A. Gosano scored for the Recreio. The Police middle line failed to hold the nippy Recreio forwards, and the defence was hard pressed. A breakaway by Fraser led to the Police drawing level, the goals having little chance to save the goal, but failed to add to their score. Halftime, Recreio 1, Police 1.

The Police re-arranged their side on resuming, and for a time kept the ball in the Recreio half. A corner to the Recreio was turned to account, A. Gosano sending the ball into the net with Estall untroubled. A visit by the Police found Horwath well placed, but his shot missed by inches.

Brown went away on the Recreio left and from his centre Ward headed into the net, making the score three goals to one in favour of the Recreio. McGreavy reduced the lead by scoring from a free kick awarded for a foul just outside the penalty area.

The Police tried hard to level up, but when the final whistle sounded they were defeated by the odd goal in five.

B. Gosano was injured soon after the restart, and the Recreio continued to the end with ten men only.

The following games in the mid-week League are down for decision to-day:
Hongkong Police v Ewo Chinese, St. Joseph's ground. Referee Sgt. Clarke.
P.W.D. Chinese v Hung Kui School, Athletic ground. Referee Mr. Lawrence.
Lam Long Wan v China Athletic, Caroline Hill ground. Referee L/Cpl. Sheeh.

PING-PONG TOURNNEY.

HONGKONG PLAYER WINS AT CANTON.

An exhibition ping-pong championship singles tournament, open to all players of Kwangtung province, was held in Canton last week. There were many entries from Hongkong. The China Athletic Association was represented by Chan Hon-shu and Siu Tin-lim and the Wah Yan Old Boys Union by Ng Tai-ping (President of the Hongkong Ping Pong League), Cheng Sam-chuen, Tang Yew-pang, Chan Ying-ting and Wong Mo-ping. The South China Athletic Association sent as representatives Kwai Man-ching, Wong Lan-yaw, Wong Tung-hoi, George Ko, Lam Sam-yuen, Fok Hin-chiu, Leong Lin-chuen and Leong Yin-cheong.

A "knock-out" system was adopted and the following four reached the semi-finals: Ng Tai-ping (Wah Yan Old Boys Union), Wong Mo-ping (Canton champion), Chan Hon-shu (China Athletic Association) and Fok Hin-chiu (South China Athletic). Ng Tai-ping and Wong Mo-ping won fairly easily and qualified to meet in the final.

The final match was very keenly contested. Wong Mo-ping played a very aggressive game and Ng Tai-ping showed exceptional brilliance in defence. Ng was very accurate in his drives and frequently manoeuvred the Canton champion out of position. The Hongkong player displayed great skill in controlling the ball, and beat his opponent 18-18, 10-7, 10-6, thus winning the title of Kwangtung Provincial Ping Pong champion.

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

HOW LEAGUE TABLE NOW STANDS.

The Garrison Football League table up to 3rd November, is as follows:

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" TEAM TO MEET THE HERMES.

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. (Rugby Section) "A" team against H.M.S. Hermes to-day, 5 p.m. sharp.—C. W. Fox; R. L. Stewart; R. F. Dowler; V. Stannard; L. H. C. Colthorpe; J. E. L. McKay; H. Miller; J. H. Radford; B. Beveridge; W. R. Andrews; P. L. P. Thomas; F. A. Merry; R. F. Akhurst; G. A. L. Plummer; R. Beaumont.

HOCKEY.

CLUB DE RECREIO BEAT THE Y.M.C.A.

At King's Park yesterday evening, the Y.M.C.A. met the Club de Recreio in an interesting hockey game which resulted in a victory for the Recreio of four goals to one.

Although they lost, the Y.M.C.A. took a large share of the play, especially in the closing stages when the Club's goal had several narrow escapes.

The Y.M.C.A. attacked at the beginning and opened the scoring through A. R. Kinross. Following strong retaliation, the Recreio equalised through H. Alves, and before the interval secured the lead, their second goal being obtained by J. Noronha.

The latter part of the first half saw the Portuguese pressing. On the resumption they continued on the offensive for a short time, when a third goal was put through by D. Martin.

From this point the Y.M.C.A. were much in the picture but without success, the Recreio's play being marked by occasional attacks which proved fruitless until just before the final whistle sounded, when D. Lopes scored a fourth point.

Y.M.C.A. v St. Andrews.
The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI against St. Andrews Y. M. Club on Thursday at King's Park, at 5 p.m.—W. Borrowman; V. Petherick; F. S. W. Smith; G. Mitchell; P. Sands; W. McIntyre; A. Tate; E. G. Sewell; T. Seddon; T. J. Price; W. H. Smith.
Reserves: W. E. Price, V. M. Hast.
Referee: E. R. Robinson.

WIVES AND HUSBANDS.

ADVICE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

The Archbishop of York, in bidding farewell to the Hull clergy, addressed the wives of the clergy at a social gathering in the Guildhall recently.

Sometimes, said Dr. Lang (who is not married), the work of a clergyman was affected by unnecessary mannerisms. No married men should have mannerisms, their wives should be able to correct them. Sometimes clergymen showed signs of being elated with themselves, and became a nuisance. Their wives would know there was probably very little reason for elation. Deal with them gently and sympathetically, but firmly; put them in their place.

On the other hand, when their husbands were in moods of depression, very natural in these days, they should lift them up. "But," added Dr. Lang, "don't nag."

THE WALL GAME AT ETON.

"AN ANACHRONOUS BARBARITY."

Eton, Oct. 11.

"I feel very strongly that it is high time the censure of Etonian opinion was directed on that anachronous barbarity that goes by the optimistic name of the Wall Game."

In these words a correspondent in today's "Eton College Chronicle" opens an attack on the famous game.

He continues: "First, has anyone ever really enjoyed a Wall Game? Take off the rose-tinted spectacles through which you are accustomed to view the past, you heavy veterans, and you will be bound to see that the discomfort, pain, dirt, and general unpleasantness far outweighed the animal pleasure of injuring your fellow-man."

"Secondly, as to exercise. Six players out of the 23 cannot hope to have more than one kick every five minutes, which exercise, though, no doubt, extremely salutary, could be taken in about a quarter the time and far more beneficially in a gymnasium."

"The other 16 players spend most of their time being squashed into the most unnatural positions where muscular strength can at best only prevent a sprain or fracture."

"Thirdly, it is admitted by all who have any experience of the game that one cannot play it really well without losing one's temper, and it is, indeed, well-nigh impossible to play the game at all without doing so. In this respect the Wall Game is only rivalled by the Field, which can be relied on always to produce ill-feeling."

"The abolition of this game calls for some courage in the face of the tradition that now supports it, but I am convinced that such a step would in the end lead not to the softness of modern youth, prophesied and censured so often, but to physical improvement in more useful games that do not run counter to the spirit of real sportsmanship."

Entries for the ladies open tennis championship singles of the Ladies Recreation Club close on November 12 and should be sent to Mrs. Haslam, the Hon. Secretary, 168 Repulse Bay, or care of No. 1 Boy at the Club. Play commences in this competition on the 19th, as well as in the Men's Club championship singles (hard court).



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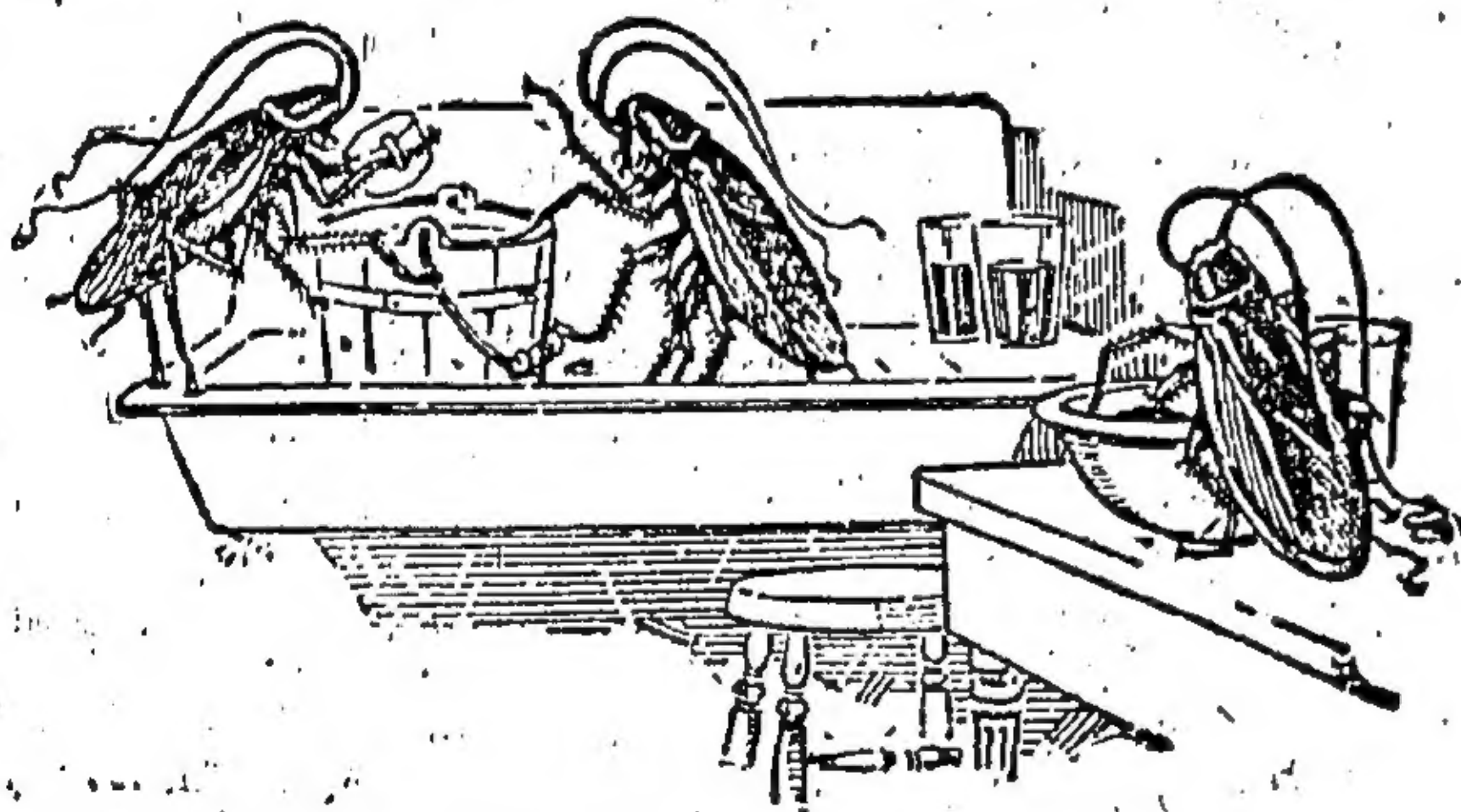
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FOREIGN ATTACKS.

Paris, Oct. 9.
 The campaign which is being systematically waged against France for her "militaristic policy" by certain organs of the foreign Press, and which reached its height in a recent ill-informed and extremely misleading article in an English paper, was scathingly denounced in a special interview given by a highly placed French official in closest touch with the Foreign Office and the various departments of national defence.

"We have nothing to hide," he said, "for we have been carrying out since the war a policy of spontaneous reduction of our armaments. Everyone should know that the length of service in the French Army has been successively reduced from three years to two years, then to eighteen months, and finally to one year under the reorganisation scheme at present being put into force. The French Army, which before the war contained 900,000 men on a peace footing, has now been reduced to 520,000—a total reduction of 45 per cent."

"These figures include Colonial troops, and I cannot understand how a recent writer in an English paper could maintain that the official figures given for the French Army only included home troops, unless, of course, he was ignorant of the fact that France possessed Colonies! No one can claim that troops who have only had a year's training can be compared in value with professional soldiers like those in the British or German Army. The French Army in its present condition is absolutely incapable of undertaking a war of aggression. Henceforward its only task is to resist the offensive of enemy arms."

Hindenburg Line.

"The same writer to whom I have referred spoke of a so-called 'Hindenburg line,' which defends on the Eastern frontier centres which are absolutely vital to French industry. For an army which has received only twelve months' training such a line of defence is indispensable to protect it during the early period of attack and defend it against surprise."

"This may sound needlessly alarmist, but General von Seeckt, you may remember, has laid it down on several occasions that the only method of carrying out a war for a small professional army is to make a sudden attack on the vital points of the opponent's territory."

"Our new military organisation necessitates an increase of professional soldiers. People in England imagine that the French soldiers are content with far less than those in the British Army, but it should be obvious that the professional army of France cannot be recruited by the offer of five sous a day. Here you have one of the main reasons for the increase of the French military budget, the other reason being the



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considerable expenses incurred in constructing the new frontier fortifications. The increases in the French military budget, far from being a sign of militarism, are purely and simply a result of the policy of peace and reduction of armaments which is being carried out by the Government of the Republic."

"When you compare the proportion of military expenses to expenses on other matters, which is the only true method of comparison, you find that military expenses amount to 19 per cent. of the whole at present, whereas in 1913 the proportion was 35 per cent."

Naval Reductions.

"With regard to the Navy, our construction has been reduced to the minimum, and the tonnage of the French Fleet is 25 per cent. less than it was in 1913-14. Despite the fact that we were authorised to construct capital ships up to 175,000 tons under the Washington agreement, France has not even undertaken the replacement of her obsolete capital ships belonging to the pre-war fleet. And France is a country which is solely intent upon increasing her armaments."

"There remains the question of the air. Where is this immense armada of the air united under the sole authority on Laurent Eynac at which we are asked to tremble? It would be a grave error to deduce from the concentration of all the French aeronautical institutions under the authority of a single minister that France was pursuing a military policy with regard to the air. If those who raised such criticisms would read the decrees reorganising our aeronautics they would see that half of our organisation was for economic and commercial ends."

A Bill introduced by the New Zealand Government proposes to put the clock on half an hour from the second Sunday in October until the third Sunday in March.

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A FIRST NOVEL!

WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED

SYBIL THORNE, prettiest and most confident of Boston society girls, confides the story of her romance with CRAIG NEWHALL, wealthy bachelor, to her brother TAD.

Tad, an ex-soldier, wounded and decorated, is rather shocked when Sybil confesses that she likes to get Craig, but does not love him. She says that she does not intend ever to marry because she is still in love with JOHN LAWRENCE, who was sent to France from Camp Devens on the eve of their marriage—and never returned.

Tad scolds her in brotherly fashion, but seems to understand her unconventional code. He begs her to marry and settle down; and then tells her that he has a great piece of news.

CHAPTER III

"Shoot!"

Sybil regarded her brother with sisterly affection. Saw him flush boyishly and shift his own embarrassed gaze.

"Heavens, Tad, what have you done? Killed a cop? Or done a good girl wrong?"

"No kidding," he told her. And, standing, ground his heel in the sand like a small boy torn between impulse to talk and hold his tongue. "The truth is, Sib—hang it all, I wish you didn't feel—well, anyhow, Sib, I'm engaged."

"My God!" Sybil threw herself back on the sofa. "Everybody gets engaged, Tad. There's as much difference between getting engaged and married as there is between an I. O. U. and a promissory note. You don't mean you're thinking of getting married, darling?"

"Say! Cut that out will you!" Tad surveyed his recumbent sister darkly. "You're darn right tootin' I'm thinking of getting married. And the sooner the quicker."

Valerie West was her name. In June she was graduated from finishing school. Tad met her shortly afterward and their engagement was announced the next month. Two weeks later her mother took her to France. It was quite the thing that season to sail on the heels of the announcement, to buy a trousseau in Paris, and be married in the spring.

Valerie was a flaxen haired little creature with big violet eyes and baby ways. Wide-eyed innocence wasn't so much a pose with her as a fact.

Mrs. Thorne was delighted. It was high time, she thought, that Tad was settling down. The new generation was too much for her.

"And Valerie was such a sweet little thing! Now if Sybil would only get a nice young man."

Mrs. Thorne sighed deeply. Sybil had been, of late, a source of much vexation to the family. She had insisted, in the first place, upon going to work.

"I don't see why not," she argued. "I don't want to hang around the house any more than Tad does. Maybe I could sell bonds, too. Anyhow, if you don't let me do something, I shall have a breakdown. Complete collapse. Nervous prostration. You wait and see."

There was a good deal of logic in it, for Sybil's last nerves were stretched to the breaking point.

"I suppose," conceded her father finally, "I could find a place for you in the office."

But Sybil declined vigorously. "Nothing doing," she informed him tartly. "I'll make my own way."

Boasting youthfully, she took an intensive course in shorthand and typewriting which fitted her in three months for a stenographer's job in a publishing house on Beacon Hill.

A passion for work, and real aptitude for the business, promoted her to a secretarial position. Then she announced that she was going to buy all her own clothes. With the acquisition of what she termed "utter independence," her parents pronounced her "altogether unmanageable."

The difference of opinion developed into family relations so strained that poor Mrs. Thorne spent most of her time in tears.

Tad became a Reformed Rake, and philosophized on the trend of the times.

"You know, Sis," he used to say, "there's something wrong with the kids to-day. They've no sense of values. Darn little appreciation of anything worth while. Pleasure is their little tin god. And they haven't any other. That's the Lord Valerie's different stuff. Now there's a girl for you!"

Sybil smiled indulgently. "You sure know how to pick 'em," she conceded goodnaturedly. "But I

think you're sort of hard on the rest of the kids, Tad. You see, they never know the world we lived in—before the war, I mean. Customs, manners, conventions—everything's changed since you and I were 18.

"Why, Tad, I'd been kissed just twice when I was 18. The first time I felt as if I'd been desecrated, and cried about it. The second time, I thought I was in love."

"I had an awful crush on Sam Hedges and let him kiss me one night in the hammock on the piazza. And the very next day Mrs. Hedges came over and talked a lot to mother about 'cal' love."

I was listening to it all at the top of the stairs. And somehow I got associating Sam, in my mind, with calve—you know the big, moony eyes he had and that nobody-home expression. Love's young dream perished on the spot.

"Bugs Plympton was the kid that kissed me first—the one that made me cry. We were making fudge in the kitchen one day—I don't believe kids make fudge any more, do they? I suppose it's too hunky—I burned my finger testing the stuff and put it under the cold water faucet to take the burn out."

"And here I was, at the sink, when the romantic Bugs kissed me square on the mouth. And if you'll believe it, I cried. Honest I did. Remember how I used to read 'The Little Colonel' books? Well, I'd resolved, like Lloyd, to keep my lips for the man I'd marry. And the wretched Bugs had spoiled it all—Tad, when I stop to think about it, I was a very good little girl, wasn't I?"

"You bet you were good, Sis. Kids were in those days, though. Times have changed," Tad sighed like a grandfather.

"Valerie's something like you were," he continued brightly. "You see, she's never been around much. Honest, Sis, she's innocent as a baby. It's wonderful. She—she—gosh, Sybil, she sort of frightens me. She's such an angel. You can't imagine what it's like for a man to have a girl like that willing to marry him. I don't deserve it, Sybil. I'm not worthy of her. Not fit to tie her shoe strings."

"Girls don't wear shoe strings, Taddy. And every idiot in love talks like that. Adam felt the same way about Eve. And then the girl fell for a snake."

Sybil yawned luxuriously. "You make me tired," she observed.

But that night she prayed for the first time in years.

Then, with her head on her outstretched arms, she whispered, "Now I lay me down to sleep; and when she had finished her eyes were wet with tears."

"Oh, God," she begged, "give me Faith. Please, please! I want to believe. Oh, touch my heart, and fill my soul with understanding."

From the beginning Sybil had her doubts, carefully suppressed, about Valerie. She had certain convictions of her own, less complimentary than Tad in his innocence imagined.

"I don't trust these baby dolls," she told herself grimly. "She's not as simple as she looks—that kid. And when a model like that gets started the sky's the limit. You can't say a girl's an angel, because she's never had a chance to be a devil. Valerie's one of those born vamps, or I'm cuckoo."

But just let her try musing up Tad's life—and I'll fix her!"

Mrs. Thorne was embroidering linens and sewing fine lace on silken underthings.

"I'd love to be doing this for you, Sybil," she remarked frequently, and said it so wistfully that Sybil felt positively guilty.

There was to be a large wedding, Valerie's letters were full of glowing plans. "Sybil, dear, would you just as soon wear flannel? I want all my bridesmaids to be in different colours. Rain-bow effects are so lovely. Brides over here are wearing pink this season—awfully misty, you know. Sort of a shell pink. I think I shall. With a big armful of Dorothy Perkins roses instead of the conventional valley-lilies. And I've a perfectly gorgeous head-dress that's like a crown. I loathe the little Dutchy caps, and tulle jiggers, like nursemaids wear. Don't you?—I've my pumps all bought. High heels, studded with brilliants. The new gowns are dreadfully like bathing suits. There they're perfectly adorable. But there's a wedding at the Embassy here the other day and the bride carried a swaggy stick right up to the altar. Really, it was awfully swanky. I'm getting so thrilled, just planning things."

Mrs. Thorne began to be a little scandalized. She liked old-

POLICE SEIZURE OF DIAMONDS.

ALLEGED THEFTS FROM DIGGINGS.

Johannesburg, Oct. 12. As a result of widespread investigations the police have confiscated large parcels of diamonds in the possession of well-known buyers of Johannesburg, Kimberley and elsewhere to a total value of £70,000, which they are now submitting to experts with a view to ascertaining their place of origin.

This is a sequel to the widespread leakage of diamonds from the State diggings of Namaqualand, whence it has been known for some time that valuable stones were being stolen and smuggled cross-country to the Lichtenburg diggings where they were sold as local finds.

I understand that several men employed as runners between Namaqualand and Lichtenburg have been arrested. Despite barred wire defences, police, camel, and aeroplane patrols, it is said to be comparatively easy for workers at the State diggings, who are mostly poor whites receiving seven shillings and sixpence daily, to steal stones, as diamonds are literally lying about in handfuls on the surface, and the workers are not searched when leaving work.

Once a week they go shopping at Port Nolloth, where it is the simplest matter to hand stones to the runners. Namaqualand diamonds are comparatively easily distinguished from those of Lichtenburg, as the former are of the purest quality and often worth £50 per carat. The value of the Government's finds since starting operations amounts to many millions sterling.

Mr. Edgar Wallace has purchased Chalklands, the former residence of Mr. Gilbert Gilbey, at Bourne End.

fashioned weddings with the bride a "vision in filmy white," and her veil "caught with orange blossoms."

"Valerie'll have you in silk stockings and satin panties, Tad," Sybil prophesied cheerfully. "That girl's going to have a knockout wedding. No squirming old bridegroom's gumming up her precious plans."

He grinned sheepishly. "Anything she says goes."

"You said it!" Sybil's slangy vehemence was portentous.

That winter the Thornes became closer to one another than they had been since before the war.

For some years Mr. Thorne had been bothered with attacks to which he referred lightly as "my dizzy spells," and laid to indigestion.

Finally they persuaded him to see a famous specialist, who told him dreadful truths. And, when he was through, called a taxi and sent the wretched man home with a little bottle of digitalis and a horrible conviction of approaching death.

(To be Continued.)

TAILOR SUES A EUROPEAN.

AN AMUSING CASE AT SHANGHAI.

"Cont' plenty spots he no wanchee," Wong Ah-chung, tailor, informed Judge G. W. King at H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, last Friday when he brought an action to recover \$36 from A. D. Evans, a Briton, representing balance due on a tailoring bill.

Wong told the court in pidgin English that \$20 of that amount was for a coat which Evans kept for some time and then returned to him when it was spotted all over.

Evans protested that Wong had delivered the coat to him without knowing whether it would fit. In fact, he said, it was miles too big and would suit a man of 250 lbs. When he tried it on at home, he was greeted with laughter.

At the request of Judge King, Evans tried on the coat in court and declared that he was not quite sure that it would fit.

Judge: "We can't provide glasses you know."

Tailor: "Every time my send bill Pootung he asked me 'no payee him Missae look see.'"

Judge: "He no fear missae all that."

After some argument between tailor and customer, the court gave judgment in favour of the former for \$22.40.

WORLD CYCLISTS COMPLETE TRIP.

REACH GOAL IN FINE FETTER.

The three young Portuguese who set out from Pedrago to ride around the world on bicycles have now returned, having successfully completed the trip.

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After leaving Macao, they crossed to Tokyo, where they embarked for San Francisco, crossing the United States by train and arrived in New York in March, 1928. From New York they took steamer to Cardiff, rode to London, crossed over to France, and passed through Paris and Bordeaux. The next resting place was Burgos, and they finally reached Pedrago.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n.
P. and O. \$91 n.
East Asiatic, \$771 b.

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Canton Ins., \$675 n.
Union Ins., \$363 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.75 s.
China Fire, \$275 b.
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Shipping.

Douglases, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$160 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$721 b.
Shell Trans., 118/-
Union Waterboats, \$231 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$2.30 b.
Kallans, 71/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 11 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b.
Raub, \$4.25 n.
Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1381 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents, \$5.30 n.
Hongkwa, Tls. 156 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 105 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 11.65 b.
Oriental, Tls. 2.45 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 59 (old) b.
Landa, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 s.
H. K. Lands, \$67 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.55 s.
Realities, \$8.85 n. X. Div.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21.70 b.
Peak Tram, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$671 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.45 b.
H. K. Electric, \$52 s.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones, \$5.65 X. Rights n.
China Buses, Tls. 11 b.
Singapore Tractors, 12/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$221 b.
Canton Ices, \$3.50 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.80 n.
Ropes (Old) \$7.60 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$33.25 s.
Watsons, \$141 b.
Der A. Wing, 50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.05 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$9.50 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b.

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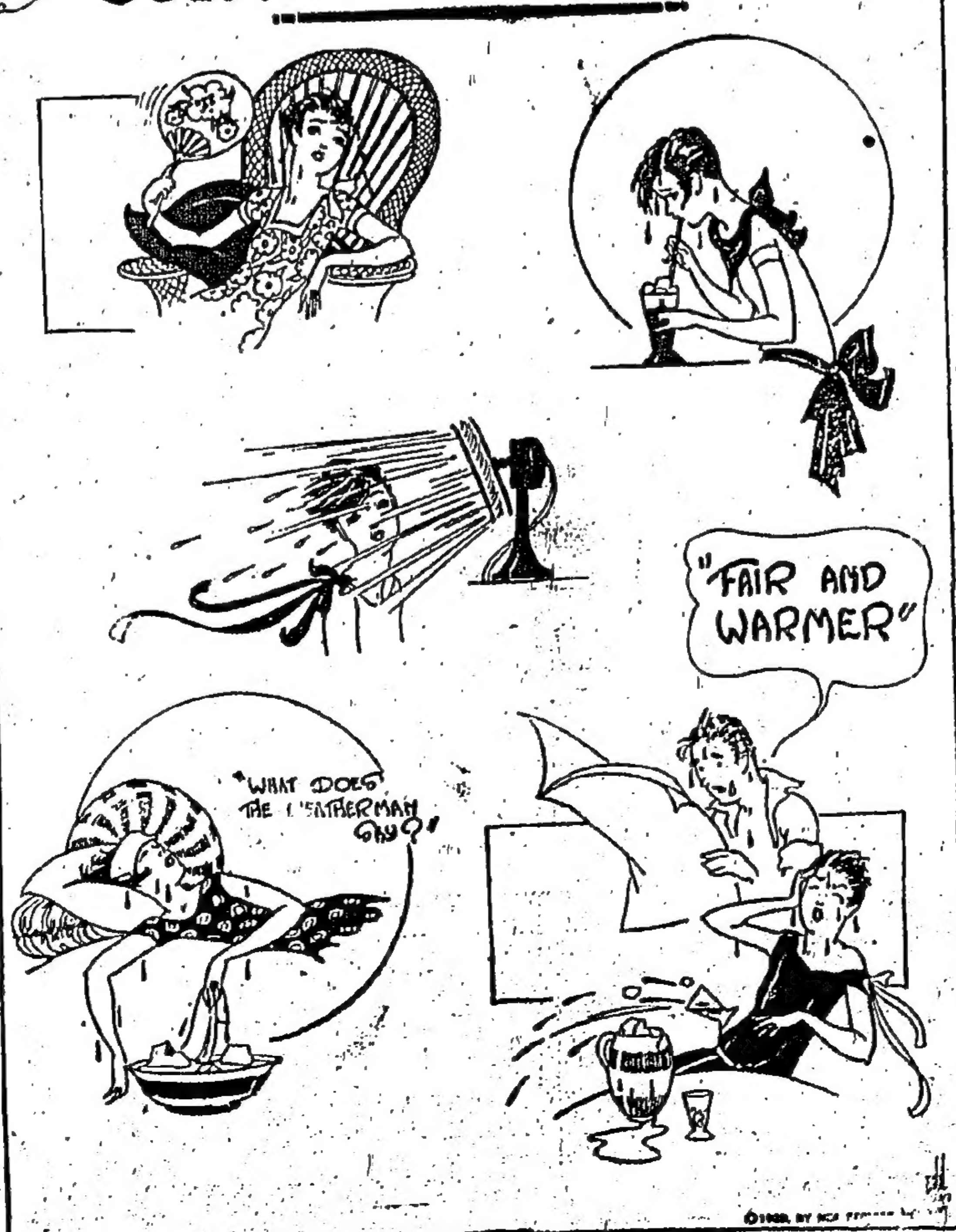
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Heading her message "The Great Silence," Dr. Besant states: "The final renunciation of War in the settling of human disputes is being gravely considered to-day by the nations of the world. It is the burning question of the hour and must be solved. Each of us can do something to create an atmosphere in which this great movement can thrive and come to a successful conclusion. Groups of international peace workers, who realise that aspiration and prayer, if informed by thought, are irresistible factors in the attainment of World Peace, have organised a Peace Week from next November 4th to 11th. It culminates at the moment of the Great Silence at 11 o'clock on November 11th. Beginning on the morning of November 4th, hundreds of thousands of people in 43 countries of the globe will think, aspire, and act to this great end. Will you not help? Make this week a period of harmony filled with longing for human brotherhood and permanent peace. On November 11 at 11 o'clock, please hold, during 'the Great Silence,' the thoughts of this prayer: O Hidden Life of God, outside which nothing can exist; help us to see Thee in the face of our enemies and to have Thee in them. So shall Thy Peace spread over our world, and Thy Will shall at last be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven."

DIVORCE CASE.

FORMER HONGKONG CHAP-
LAIN OBTAINS DECREE.

Rev. Vyvyan Henry Copley Moyle, lately chaplain at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, and now living at Fyning Common, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants, petitioned on October 12 for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Mary Margaret Moyle, on the ground of her misconduct with Mr. Percival Sandys Connellan, a doctor.

The petitioner's allegation was that early this year Dr. Connellan and Mrs. Moyle stayed at an hotel together as Mr. and Mrs. P. Connellan.

The case was undefended, and the President granted the petitioner a decree nisi with costs.

RADIO STATIONS.

TWO TO BE CONSTRUCTED
IN CHINA.

Nanking, Nov. 6. Following on the negotiations opened at Peking in 1921, Chang Ching-kiang, Chairman of the Reconstruction Committee, has signed an agreement with the American Radio Corporation, the parent concern of the Federal Wireless Corporation, for the construction of two twenty-kilowatt short wave radio stations, one in Shanghai and one in the interior, to be completed in 18 months at a cost of \$4170,000. Chang Ching-kiang deposited one third of the cost with the signing of the agreement.—*Reuter.*

THE KING'S SPEECH.

REFERENCE TO CURRENT
CHINESE AFFAIRS.

London, Nov. 6. H. M. the King opened Parliament with the usual ceremonial.

There was not a very large attendance in the House of Commons where Mr. Saklatvala (the Communist) distinguished himself by remaining seated in the House until the other Commons had returned from the House of Lords.

H.M. the King's speech on the opening of Parliament expresses great satisfaction at the signature of the treaty for the renunciation of war at Paris on August 27; and says that in pursuance of their fixed policy, the Government have continued to accord full support to the League of Nations, co-operating in all its current activities, and particularly has sought fully to discharge the obligations under Article Eight of the Covenant by reducing armed forces to the lowest point consistent with national safety and by assisting the League to formulate plans for a general reduction of armaments.

An agreement has been reached with the Governments of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Japan for opening negotiations with a view to definitely settling the problem of reparations. It also has been recognised that negotiations should be held with regard to the German Government's request for evacuation of the Rhineland.

Referring to the Coronation of the Emperor of Japan, the speech takes the opportunity of wishing His Imperial Majesty a long and glorious reign, and says the historic Anglo-Japanese friendship has always been a potent factor in the maintenance of peace in this Far East.

China's Efforts.

The speech welcomes the efforts of China to establish a Central Government and cope with the forces of disorder. "I regard progress in these endeavours as of the highest importance, not only for the safety and prosperity of my subjects resident in China but also for the peace of the world."

The estimates for the Services in the coming year are being prepared with strict attention to the continuing need for economy in public expenditure.

In anticipation of a general scheme for relieving agriculture and productive industry from being a burden on the rates, the House of Commons will be asked to make provision enabling the railway companies to lower their charges on important traffic concerning agriculture and the coal, iron and steel industries.

The situation in the mining areas continues to engage the earnest attention of ministers, who are taking energetic steps to promote the success of a scheme for industrial transference and migration.

Abnormal expenditure from the Unemployment Fund has been entailed by the displacement of labour from the mines and will necessitate an increase of borrowing powers.

A Bill in this connexion will be submitted to the House of Commons.

Local Government Reform.

Measures will be presented to the Commons to carry out a scheme of reform in the rating system, the reorganisation of local government, and re-adjustment of financial relations between the State and local authorities. His Majesty trusts

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

GUSH IN FORMOSA.

SHARP RISE IN JAPAN OIL
COMPANY'S SHARES.

Tokyo, Nov. 6. According to unconfirmed dispatches from Formosa, a well belonging to the Japan Oil Company at Kinsui in the North West section of the island, started an enormous gush on the night of November 3.

On receipt of the report, the Company's shares rose Yen 2.20 on the Tokyo stock market.

Natural Gas.

Later. Investigations of the reports of a Formosa gusher, show it is not oil but an immense discharge of natural gas.—*Reuter.*

the relief from the burden of the rates under this scheme will benefit agriculture and lead to greater employment in industry generally, and particularly in the basic trades whose condition still causes concern.

He emphasises the importance of the proposed changes in local government, and the relations between the Exchequer and local authorities, which the Ministers anticipate will promote efficiency and economy in local government and enable better provision to be made for the health of the people, and direct assistance, particularly to those areas whose needs are most pressing.

The speech foreshadows Bills extending the export credits guarantee scheme for a further period, authorising the appointment of two additional members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and one additional Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, and assisting agriculturists in Scotland to obtain credits.—*Reuter.*

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JAPANESE CORONATION.

ARRIVAL AT NAGOYA.

Nagoya, Nov. 6.
Breaking his journey to Kyoto for the Enthronement ceremonies, the Emperor arrived here this afternoon and immediately proceeded under military escort to the Detached Palace, where he will spend the night before continuing his journey to-morrow. The city is en fête with flags and bunting.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
STORY, STORE, STARE, STARS, SOARS, BOARS, BOORS, BOOKS.
Flying and rows of lanterns down all the main streets, while triumphal arches are erected at conspicuous points along the route followed by the imperial cortege.
—Reuter.

HONGKONG ON TOP.

LOCAL SUCCESSES AT KWANGTUNG MEET.

Canton, Nov. 6.
The 11th Kwangtung Provincial Athletic Meet concluded to-day, being carried out with success which the previous athletic meets had not achieved.

A dinner party was given in honour of the various representatives at the Asia Hotel last night by the officials of the Athletic Meet and among those present were Mr. Wong Chik, Commissioner of Education, Admiral Chan Chak, Commander of the Canton Navy, Mr. Lam Wan-kai, Mayor of Canton, General Chang Man, Chief of Staff, and many others holding important positions of the Canton Government. Mr. Wong Chik, Vice-Chairman, took the chair in the absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum, and several speeches were made. The dinner concluded with three cheers for the success of the Athletic Meet.

Prize of \$2,000.

Among the many prizes contributed to the meet, a prize in the sum of \$2,000 was given by Marshal Li Chai-sum, in the 10,000 Metres Flat Race, in the Chung Shan University at free scholars with a view to encouraging the young people of China to participate in Sports.

It is also understood that the Canton Government will recommend the admittance of the said Ip Pui-Nam, Tang Tak-chuen and Tsang Shu-cho, 2nd and 3rd in the 10,000 Metres Flat Race, into the Chung Shan University at free scholars with a view to encouraging the young people of China to participate in Sports.

Hongkong Athletes.

The public of Canton were very anxious to see the football representatives of Hongkong in action, and the officials of the Canton Athletic Meet made arrangements with the officials of the South China A.A. and Chinese Athletic Association to field a team to play against a team composed of representatives of the Naval, Military and Civil Services of Shanghai and Chinese players of Canton.

The Hongkong team sent out was as follows:—Yik Chuan-ping, Lai Yuk-tai, Lo Wei-man, Lam Yuk-ying, Wong Suk-wah, Ho Chai-yan, Ip Pak-wah, Wong Mee-shun, Wong Pak-chung, Fung King-cheung and Teo Kwai-sing.

The Hongkong Chinese won by 3 goals to 1, Wong Pak-chung scored two goals, and Lam Yuk-ying scored one for Hongkong.

All the tickets were sold, and thousands of people witnessed the match.

Ng Sze-kwong's Success.

Ng Sze-kwong has become champion in the Tennis Singles.

In the ladies' swimming competition, Miss Kwok Tsoi-ming won four races out of seven, and obtained the highest marks and was declared champion.

Miss Kwok won the harbour race held by the Y.R.O. this year. She is a member of the China Wah Girls Athletic Association (H.K.).

Ladies' Races.

50 yards, 1st Kwok Tsoi-ming, time 44-2/5 secs, 2nd Chan Yuk-fai 50-1/5 secs, 3rd Tsai Po-chi 56 secs.

200 yards, 1st Kwok Tsoi-ming, time 1-43 mins, 2nd Chan Yuk-fai 1-52-4/5 mins, 3rd Ho Kit-chi 1-53-3/5 mins.

100 yards (Back Stroke) 1st Kwok Tsoi-ming, time 2-0-4/5 mins, 2nd Chan Yuk-fai, 2-3-3/5 mins, 3rd Lee Chung-yu 2-22 mins.

220 yards (Breast Stroke) 1st Kwok Tsoi-ming, time 4-28-1/5 mins, 2nd Ho

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TROUBLE ON KUNG WO.

CHINESE PASSENGERS RE-SENT QUARANTINE ORDER.

Shanghai, Nov. 6.
The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Kung Wo proceeded to quarantine on Sunday afternoon owing to the landing of a case of alleged cholera at Kluikang.

The quarantine order was strongly resented by five hundred Chinese passengers aboard, who threatened Capt. Gibb. As a result, the distress signal was hoisted and H.M.S. Cornwall sent an armed guard aboard to maintain order.

The Kung Wo is lying at Woosung.

—Reuter.

SUNKEN JUNK.

DANGEROUS DERELICT CLOSE OFF AMOY.

Based on information issued by the Naval Authorities, a Notice to Mariners (No. 57 of 1928) from the Harbour Office yesterday, gave details of a derelict junk, dangerous to navigation, in the vicinity of Amoy.

The notice is as follows:—Sunken junk, awash, reported on November 6 in Latitude 24-23 N., Longitude 118-48 E., dangerous to navigation. (The point indicated is in the vicinity of Hai Tau Bay, N.E. of Amoy.)

Kit-chi 4-28 mins. 3rd Chan Yuk-fai 4-52 mins.

220 yards, 1st Ho Kit-chi, time 4-15 mins, 2nd Chan Yuk-fai 4-27 mins.

440 yards, 1st Ho Kit-chi, time 10-0-4/5 mins, 2nd Chan Yuk-fai 10-10-3/5 mins.

100 yards (4 persons relay race) 1st Ching Wah Girls Athletic (H.K.) time, 2-40 mins, 2nd Chun Kwong Girls School 3-22-3/5 mins, 3rd Girls High School.

In the Men's Swimming Competition, Chan Chun-hing, of the Chinese Athletic (H.K.) became champion.

Nam Chung Fap.

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PASSENGER RETURNS.

OCTOBER DEPARTURES AGAIN EXCEED THE ARRIVALS.

The return of passenger traffic for the month of October again shows a great excess of departures over arrivals. The figures show an approximate excess of 6,000 departures over arrivals by ocean steamers, 9,500 by river steamers and 1,000 by junks and launches, making a total of 16,407 leaving the Colony as compared with those entering.

The actual figures for the month are as follows:

Arrivals Depart.
Ocean Steamers ... 50,172 50,243
River Steamers ... 88,636 98,084
Junks and Launches 7,712 8,619

Total ... 146,519 162,926

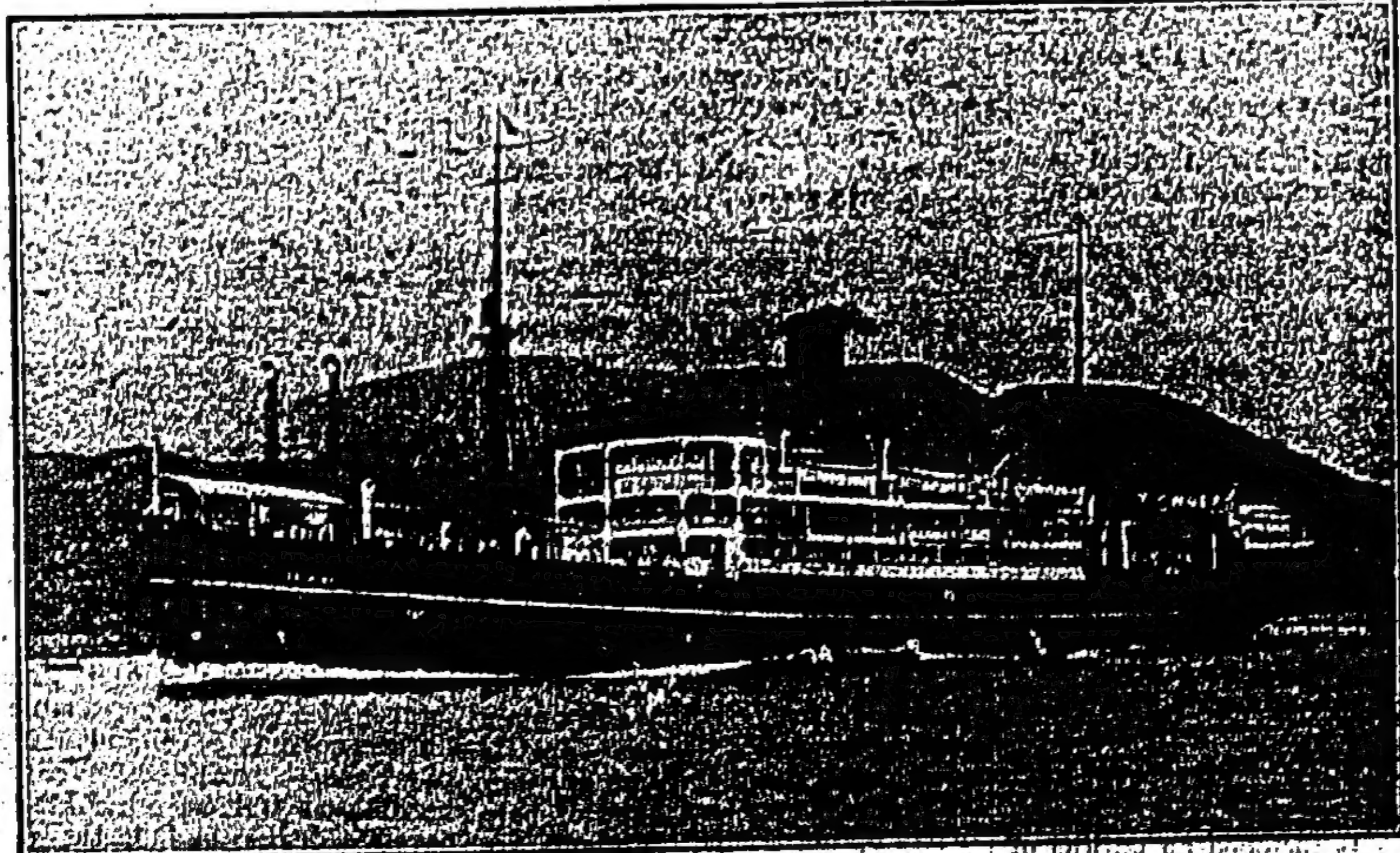
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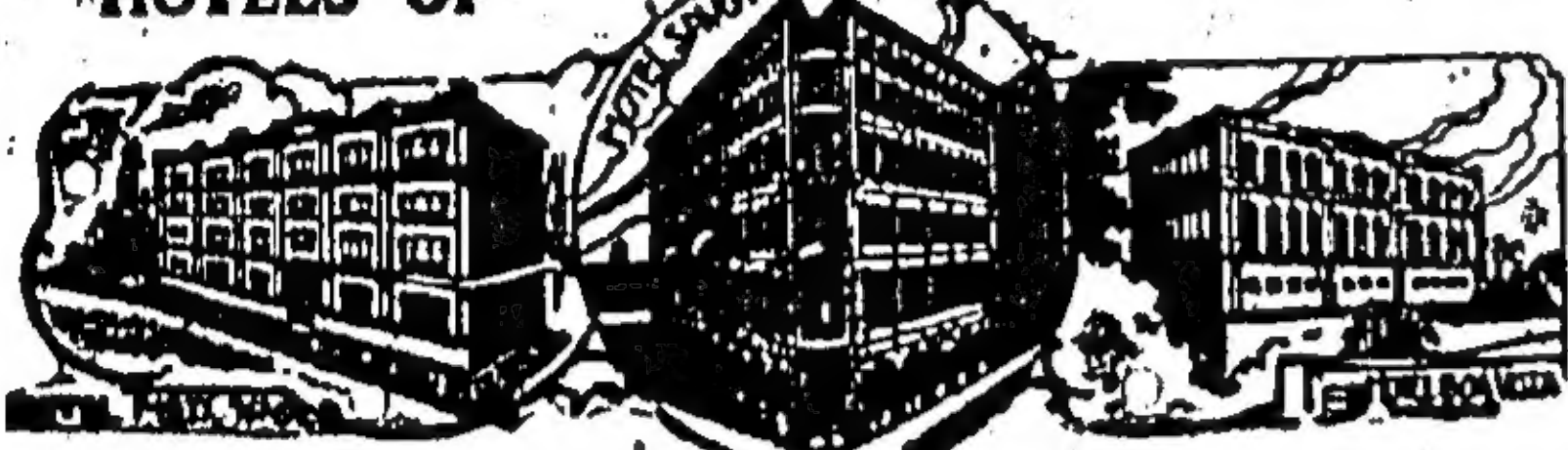
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DESERTION CHARGE FAILS.

WIRELESS OPERATOR WHO
WAS TAKEN SICK.

A NOMINAL FINE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Nowell, D.S.O., R.N., Tan Chan Cheong, a wireless operator, was charged by Captain R. J. Sneddon, of S.S. Hantsang, with desertion on October 31, under Article 235 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894. The accused pleaded guilty.

In reply to questions by His Worship, the defendant stated that he had been given leave on the day in question as from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. He had taken Chinese food during the afternoon and became sick, he subsequently having to see a doctor, whose certificate stating that he had been treated for acute gastric enteritis was produced. The ship left for Canton on that night and he had missed her. He reported to the Marine Superintendent of the Company on the following morning.

His Worship expressed a wish to hear evidence of desertion and Captain Sneddon testified that the accused had been given leave until 9 p.m., but the ship's sailing time had later been changed to 8 p.m. The accused knew of the change as he was on board for wages during the afternoon and had also been informed in the Company's office of the alteration. The ship's departure was delayed until 9.23 p.m. owing to the absence of accused and the vessel eventually proceeded to Canton without him.

A Wrong Charge.

His Worship ascertained from witness that the accused had left a small portmanteau on board and a quantity of personal effects and having established this, pointed out that desertion could not be alleged. The man should have been charged with being absent without leave.

His Worship altered the charge of desertion into one of being absent without leave and fined the accused one day's pay.

HOOVER VICTORY EXPECTED.

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It was soon apparent that Mr. Hoover was overwhelming Governor Smith in the usually heavy Republican precincts of Massachusetts, whilst Governor Smith was leading in the small districts of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

The candidates are running neck-and-neck in the urban districts of Texas, but the Democrats are ahead in the country districts. Mr. Hoover is apparently leading by 3 to 1 in Colorado and Kansas.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Earlier Reports.

New York, Nov. 6. The election festivities in New York to-night will be on a scale, unknown since prohibition was introduced.

All the night clubs are booked to capacity, at fifteen dollars each cover.

The leading hotels similarly are full. Betting in Wall Street is 5 to 1 on Hoover. The most spectacular wager is by the well-known motor-car manufacturer, Mr. William Durant, who has bet a million dollars on Hoover, against two hundred thousand dollars put up by a group of prominent Democrats, including Mr. Raskob and another motor magnate. Bets of a hundred thousand dollars are quite common.

The Women's Part.

Just before Mr. Smith's final appeal was broadcast, Mr. Hoover's last word (addressed particularly to women) was similarly wirelessed across the continent from the opposite coast.

Speaking in his home town Palo Alto, Mr. Hoover declared that the women's participation in the elections had produced a "keener realization of the importance of public questions, and contributed to higher national ideals." Women to-day were alive more seriously to the effect of the election upon the home. He alluded to the momentous nature of the election, when the nation was entering a "new era of economic and moral action."

Mr. Smith's appeal followed immediately, addressed in a characteristically cheery and intimate manner. It included an outline of his four terms of the Governorship of New York.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Bandits stopped a funeral near Czernowitz recently and robbed the mourners.

Children at a Willesden Council school are to be taught French, English and music by gramophone.

THE ANTI-OPIMUM CAMPAIGN.

NANKING REALLY IN
EARNEST.

FOREGOES MONTHLY REVENUE
OF \$1,000,000.

BIG FINAL EFFORT.

Nanking, Nov. 1.

That the National Government is determined in its effort at opium suppression is the keynote of several speeches delivered at the inauguration ceremony of the National Opium Suppression Conference held at Han Kia Hsiang this morning.

In accordance with the opium suppression regulations recently promulgated by the National Government, the conference is convened to devise measures for effective enforcement of the Government's new opium policy, that of absolute suppression.

Over 300 persons attended the ceremony, including some 50 delegates from the Provinces and Special Municipal Areas.

A Final Effort.

General Chang Chih-kiang, chairman of the National Opium Suppression Committee, presided over the meeting. In his opening speech, he drew attention to the increasing body of public opinion that has come to the support of the Government's new opium policy and stressed the importance of bringing the Provincial delegates together to discuss measures whereby the policy may be put into action.

General Chang observed that in the past hundred years several efforts at opium suppression have resulted in failure, but he hoped that the present effort would be the last and final one.

On behalf of the Central Party Headquarters, Mr. Chu Min-yi delivered a speech stating that opium suppression is an important factor in the programme of national reconstruction and expecting that effective devices for exterminating the drug menace would result from the deliberations of the conference.

Proof of Sincerity.

Mr. Tan Yuan-kai (Chairman of the Administrative Yuan) was the next speaker. He asked his audience to place absolute confidence in the sincerity of the National Government as regards the matter of opium suppression. As a proof of his argument, Mr. Tan stated that in adopting the new opium policy the Government has foregone a monthly revenue of \$1,000,000 which was available under the former policy of "suppression by way of taxation," and that such huge income was ungrudgingly waived even at a time when the national budget still carried a large deficit. He expressed the hope that the conference would devise concrete measures which would forestall the efforts of those to whom the lure of opium as a revenue source might prove too great a temptation.

Why Do Chinese Smoke?

In the course of his speech, Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, propounded an interesting question: Why are the Chinese people fond of smoking opium in a manner unknown in the West?

Dr. Wang's answer to his own question is that opium smoking is a perverted form of recreation which the Chinese people have particularly taken fancy to because of their long established preference for remaining indoors.

As a fundamental solution of the opium problem, Dr. Wang advocated the encouragement of outdoor sports and exercises, and stated that prohibition, which was also necessary, should begin from above rather than from the masses.

The inaugural ceremony, having been held, the conference met again in the afternoon when reports were made by the Provincial delegates concerning drug conditions in their respective localities, and in the evening the delegates were entertained at dinner by the National Opium Suppression Committee.

Anti-Opium Posters.

Meanwhile a strong atmosphere in favour of opium suppression is evident in Nanking. The city is plastered over with anti-opium posters, some urging drastic punishment for local or military officials who are engaged or help in the opium traffic. Students are seen lecturing in the streets on the drug menace, and it is learned that in all local Chinese churches sermons will be preached this Sunday on the same subject.

Considerable interest is evinced by the local populace. In an exhibition held in the National Opium Suppression Committee Building.

The principal articles of exhibit are pictures showing poppy plants.

NANKING PARTY SPLIT.

KUOMINTANG MUST BE
SUPREME.

WU HAN-MIN'S VIEWS.

The resignation en bloc of all the officials of the Nanking City Kuomintang, subsequent to their criticism of the Central Kuomintang being censured, has caused much controversy among political parties in the capital.

Interviewed by Chinese journalists on this subject, Mr. Sun Fo, the well-known Kuomintang leader, asserted that to-morrow there would be a meeting of the recently-elected Kuomintang Party Affairs Examination Committee, to study the causes of the troubles within the Kuomintang. The Committee, with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek as Chairman, would consist of Messrs. Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Administrative Yuan; Wu Han-min, Chairman of the Legislative Yuan; Tai Chi-lao, Sun Fo, Miao Bin, and Marshal Li Chai-sum.

The meeting will also discuss steps which the National Government is to adopt by way of reorganising the District Kuomintang departments in Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhui and Kiangsi.

At to-morrow's meeting, the Central Kuomintang will issue a proclamation explaining why the Central Party requires that all Kuomintang followers' names be re-registered before the calling of the Third Kuomintang National Congress and why the Central Party has chosen half of the delegates.

All the minor Kuomintang organisations in Nanking are contemplating a joint protest against the Central Party's action in censuring the City Kuomintang.

At a meeting of the Central Party, held yesterday, Mr. Wu Han-min emphatically stressed the need of unity of authority in the Kuomintang Party, which, according to Mr. Wu, should rule with military severity, for, after all, it was the intention of the Party that its authority should be higher than that of the Army or even that of the Government.

"RESCUED" FROM THE SEINE.

JOURNALIST'S SPARTAN TEST.

Paris, Oct. 10.

An enterprising member of the Paris evening paper, *La Presse*, to-day determined to test the efficiency of the new municipal arrangements for the rescue of those drowning in the Seine.

He cast himself into the water, the complex municipal scheme was set in motion, and exactly 16 minutes later he was pulled dripping on to the quayside by a brigade of triumphant firemen.

Luckily for him he could swim. As soon as he fell a colleague rushed to one of the new lifebuoys which have been installed on all bridges, broke the glass case and threw the lifebuoys to a spectator nearer the river than himself. The latter flung wildly into the Seine, but forgot to hold the end of the rope. So the "drowning man" could not be pulled ashore.

Other spectators in accordance with the instructions hung up near the lifebuoys ran to the nearest telephone to call the police and the fire engine dashed up complete with fire hose, followed by a gigantic fire escape. The police arrived later in a Renault car.

Ropes and Oxygen.

The firemen were armed with ropes, lifebuoys, oxygen cylinders and apparatus for applying artificial respiration. Meanwhile the drowning man had even to the lifebuoys and was waiting patiently to be rescued, but the problem of reaching him proved baffling, till a fisherman was seen peacefully rowing about a hundred yards away. He was at length made aware that something was wrong, and with his help the final rescue was effected.

The journalist paid a warm tribute to the lifebuoy, but his opinion of the efficiency of "rescuing by numbers" is not very high.

tions, opium divans, and ghastly figures of drug addicts; samples of different kinds of opium, its preparations, morphine, cocaine, heroin, as well as other kinds of narcotic drugs; and, in the centre of the room, a bust of Li Tsai-hsu, a Manchurian whose efforts at opium suppression resulted in the Opium War. Suspended on the walls of the exhibition room are several interesting charts, one of which shows the amounts of narcotic drugs annually seized by the Maritime Customs while another shows the nationality of those engaged in the illicit trade with Japanese nationals at the top of the list.

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